

Splitting a word into syllables — use it independently in context

Level: A1 découverte · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will propose a sensible spoken-syllable split for simple words and check it by saying them aloud.

Discover

Try with tomate, cinéma and ordinateur. Do not look only at spelling: listen to pronunciation.

Understand

To split a word yourself, say it normally and then more slowly. Mark each voice beat with a hyphen: tomate to-ma-te, cinéma ci-né-ma, ordinateur or-di-na-teur.

Examples

- to-ma-te
- ci-né-ma
- or-di-na-teur
- ba-na-ne
- mé-tro
- a-ni-mal

Remember

Say the word normally, slow down, then mark the chunks you hear: tomate to-ma-te.

Exercises

1. For “Splitting a word into syllables”, sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. “mé-tro”: which category does it belong to?
2 syllables • 3 syllables • 4 syllables
3. “to-ma-te”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables • 4 syllables
4. “ba-na-ne”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables • 4 syllables
5. “a-ni-mal”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables • 4 syllables
6. “ci-né-ma”: which category does it belong to?
4 syllables • 2 syllables • 3 syllables
7. “or-di-na-teur”: which category does it belong to?
4 syllables • 2 syllables • 3 syllables
8. Complete correctly: tomate
9. Complete correctly: cinéma
10. Complete correctly: ordinateur
11. Complete correctly: banane
12. Complete correctly: métro
13. Complete correctly: animal
14. For “Splitting a word into syllables”: match each item to the correct category.
15. Put the items in the correct order.
te / ma / to
16. Put the items in the correct order.
ma / né / ci

17. Put the items in the correct order.

teur / na / di / or

18. Complete this "Splitting a word into syllables" example: " ____ "

19. Complete this "Splitting a word into syllables" example: " ____ "

20. Rebuild this "Splitting a word into syllables" sentence in a natural order.

or-di-na-teur

21. Complete this "Splitting a word into syllables" example: " ____ "

22. Complete this "Splitting a word into syllables" example: " ____ "

Answer key

1. mé-tro 2 syllables; to-ma-te 3 syllables; ba-na-ne 3 syllables; a-ni-mal 3 syllables; ci-né-ma 4 syllables; or-di-na-teur 4 syllables

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. 2 syllables

"mé-tro" belongs to the category "2 syllables".

3. 3 syllables

"to-ma-te" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

4. 3 syllables

"ba-na-ne" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

5. 3 syllables

"a-ni-mal" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

6. 4 syllables

"ci-né-ma" belongs to the category "4 syllables".

7. 4 syllables

"or-di-na-teur" belongs to the category "4 syllables".

8. to-ma-te

The expected form is "to-ma-te".

9. ci-né-ma

The expected form is "ci-né-ma".

10. or-di-na-teur

The expected form is "or-di-na-teur".

11. ba-na-ne

The expected form is "ba-na-ne".

12. mé-tro

The expected form is "mé-tro".

13. a-ni-mal

The expected form is "a-ni-mal".

14. mé-tro 2 syllables; to-ma-te 3 syllables; ba-na-ne 3 syllables; ci-né-ma 4 syllables; or-di-na-teur 4 syllables

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. to ma te

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

16. ci né ma

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

17. or di na teur

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

18. to-ma-te

The missing word was "to-ma-te". Full sentence: "to-ma-te".

19. ci-né-ma

The missing word is "ci-né-ma". Full sentence: "ci-né-ma".

20. or-di-na-teur

The rebuilt sentence is: "or-di-na-teur".

21. ba-na-ne

The missing word is "ba-na-ne". Full sentence: "ba-na-ne".

22. mé-tro

The missing word was "mé-tro". Full sentence: "mé-tro".