

Splitting a word into syllables — identify and understand

Level: A1 découverte · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will identify the number of spoken syllables in simple words.

Discover

Clap gently while saying: vé-lo, ca-fé, mu-si-que. How many beats do you hear?

Understand

To hear syllables, say the word slowly and notice each beat of the voice. vélo has vé-lo, café has ca-fé, musique has mu-si-que. Here we are working with spoken syllables, not line-break rules.

Examples

- vé-lo
- ca-fé
- a-mi
- mu-si-que
- cho-co-lat
- té-lé-phone

Remember

Say the word slowly, listen for voice beats, then count: vé-lo = 2; mu-si-que = 3.

Exercises

1. For “Splitting a word into syllables”, sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. “vé-lo”: which category does it belong to?
2 syllables • 3 syllables
3. “ca-fé”: which category does it belong to?
2 syllables • 3 syllables
4. “a-mi”: which category does it belong to?
2 syllables • 3 syllables
5. “mu-si-que”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables
6. “cho-co-lat”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables
7. “té-lé-phone”: which category does it belong to?
3 syllables • 2 syllables
8. Complete correctly: vé__
9. Complete correctly: ca__
10. Complete correctly: a__
11. Complete correctly: mu____
12. Complete correctly: cho____
13. Complete correctly: té____
14. For “Splitting a word into syllables”: match each item to the correct category.
15. Put the items in the correct order.
lo / vé
16. Put the items in the correct order.
fé / ca

17. Put the items in the correct order.

mi / a

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.

vé-lo

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

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

Answer key

1. vé-lo 2 syllables; ca-fé 2 syllables; a-mi 2 syllables; mu-si-que 3 syllables; cho-co-lat 3 syllables; té-lé-phone 3 syllables

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

2. 2 syllables

"vé-lo" belongs to the category "2 syllables".

3. 2 syllables

"ca-fé" belongs to the category "2 syllables".

4. 2 syllables

"a-mi" belongs to the category "2 syllables".

5. 3 syllables

"mu-si-que" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

6. 3 syllables

"cho-co-lat" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

7. 3 syllables

"té-lé-phone" belongs to the category "3 syllables".

8. vé-lo

The expected form is "vé-lo".

9. ca-fé

The expected form is "ca-fé".

10. a-mi

The expected form is "a-mi".

11. mu-si-que

The expected form is "mu-si-que".

12. cho-co-lat

The expected form is "cho-co-lat".

13. té-lé-phone

The expected form is "té-lé-phone".

14. vé-lo 2 syllables; ca-fé 2 syllables; mu-si-que 3 syllables; cho-co-lat 3 syllables

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. vé lo

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

16. ca fé

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

17. a mi

The correct order rebuilds the chunks used in the lesson.

18. cho-co-lat

The missing word was "cho-co-lat". Full sentence: "cho-co-lat".

19. té-lé-phone

The missing word is "té-lé-phone". Full sentence: "té-lé-phone".

20. vé-lo

The rebuilt sentence is: "vé-lo".

21. ca-fé

The missing word is "ca-fé". Full sentence: "ca-fé".

22. a-mi

The missing word was "a-mi". Full sentence: "a-mi".