

TIP

When a single consonant comes between two vowels in a word, the word is usually divided after the consonant if the first vowel is short, and before the consonant if the vowel is long.

short first vowel: mod • ern

long first vowel: ma • jor

There are exceptions to the rule, as in wa • ter.

Divide a compound word into two words before dividing it into syllables.

LIST WORDS

1. *unit*
2. *plastic*
3. *helmet*
4. *mission*
5. *rubble*
6. *splendid*
7. *cover*
8. *dozen*
9. *closet*
10. *divide*
11. *major*
12. *modern*
13. *grandparents*
14. *watermelon*
15. *fingerprints*
16. *posture*
17. *silence*
18. *reduce*
19. *answers*
20. *success*

Spelling Practice

Syllables

Write each **list word** under the correct heading. Put a • between the syllables in each word. Use your dictionary for help. Two words will be used more than once.

more than one consonant
between two vowels

single consonant
between two vowels

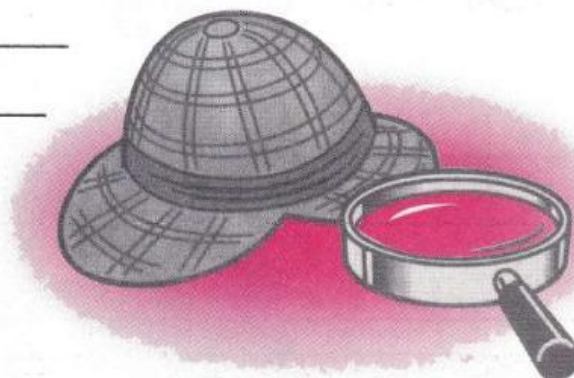
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| 1. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 22. _____ |

Answer the Questions

Write the **list word** that answers each question. Write the **list word** on the line.

1. What material might a shower curtain or a soda bottle be made of? _____
2. Where are clothes and shoes kept? _____
3. Who are your parents' parents? your _____
4. What do detectives hope to find when trying to solve a crime? _____
5. What's left when there's no sound? _____
6. What must a bike rider wear on his or her head? _____
7. What does a big earthquake leave behind? _____
8. What's a large fruit that's green on the outside and pink and juicy on the inside?

9. What usually follows questions? _____
10. What's the opposite of failure? _____



Mixed-Up Syllables

The syllables in the nonsense words below have become mixed up. Put them back in their proper order to form **list words**. Write the words on the lines below.

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| 1. u • sion | mis • nit | _____ | _____ |
| 2. ma • zen | do • jor | _____ | _____ |
| 3. splen • vide | di • did | _____ | _____ |
| 4. mod • ture | pos • ern | _____ | _____ |
| 5. re • ver | co • duce | _____ | _____ |