

SYLLABLE CHALLENGE: EL DETECTIVE DE SONIDOS

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Part 1: Phonotactics – Counting Consonants (C) and Vowels (V)

Instructions: Syllable structure (Phonotactics) refers to the rules about which sounds can be grouped together. Spanish tends to have simpler syllables (mostly CV and CVC). English allows for much more complex syllables (like CCCVCCC).

Break the following words into syllables (use a hyphen:

Write the corresponding C (Consonant) or V (Vowel) pattern for each syllable.

For the Challenge Words, try to pronounce the sounds in the clusters and identify which sounds are difficult to say together in Spanish.

Word	Syllable Count	Syllable Segmentation (e.g. a-mor)	"C/V Pattern (e.g. V-CVC)"
Spanish Words			
1. Casa			
2. Transporte			
3. Sol			
4. Atlántico			
English Words (Challenge Words)			
5. Strength			
6. Thrilled			
7. Glimpse			
8. Spring			

Part 2: Prosody – The Stress Switch

Instructions: In English, word stress (Prosody) is very important and can change a word's meaning and its grammatical function (Noun vs. Verb). For the following pairs, the spelling is the same, but the stress is different.

Listen as your teacher pronounces the word.

Circle which syllable is stressed: First or Second.

Write the grammatical function of the word (Noun or Verb) next to the stress pattern.

Word	Syllable Stress?	Grammatical Function
'Present (The gift)	First / Second	
Pre'sent (To give)	First / Second	
'Conduct (Behavior)	First / Second	
Con'duct (To lead)	First / Second	
'Record (The album)	First / Second	
Re'cord (To tape)	First / Second	