

Syllables

Guidelines for Breaking Words up into Syllables Each syllable must have a vowel: a e i o u y A vowel can be a syllable by itself but a consonant cannot. Example: a-like We usually break up double consonants: ll, mm, nn, pp, … Example.: stop-ping We usually keep consonant blends together: sh, ch, st, sch, th, tr, nt, wr, ng, cl, bl… Example: un-stop-pa-ble, pre-school Take off prefixes and suffixes: in, un, pre, ly, ness, non, able… Example: un-hap-pi-ness Keep vowel blends together: vail, pre-vail, com-pan-ion, plea-sure, mur-der-ous Look for base words (root words) inside long words: Examples: bloodthirsty= blood + thir-sty, deliberately= de-lib-er-ate + lymomentary= mo-ment + ary Looking for a tutor in Santa Cruz, Capitola, or Scotts Valley, California? Please check my "current openings" page to see if I am accepting new students.