

PRACTICE

1. The structure of English syllables

Activity One

Look at these one-syllable words, transcribe them phonemically, and write (C) where there is a consonant sound. There may be one before a vowel sound (V), after a vowel sound (V), or in both places.

Examples:

- High /haɪ/ C.V.
- Rice /raɪs/ C.V.C

Words	Transcription	Sounds	Words	Transcription	Sounds
1. Bought	/bɔ:t/	C.V.C	6. Laugh	/lɑ:f/	C.V.C
2. Eyes	/aɪs/	.V.C	7. Two	/tu:/	C.V.
3. Key	/ki:/	C.V.	8. Youth	/ju:θ/	C.V.C
4. Day	/deɪ/	C.V.	9. Weigh	/weɪ/	C.V.
5. Through	/θru:/	CC.V.	10. Rhyme	/raɪm/	C.V.C

Activity two

Transcribe the following words in the correct column: adequate, sister, cook, doctor, grandfather, dad, teacher, uncle, friend, craft, bicycle, sticks, officer, cycle, dream, passenger, welcome, attention.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables
Cook: /kʊk/ Dad: /dæd/ Friend: /frend/ Craft: /kra:ft/ br. /kræft/am. Sticks: /stɪks/ Dream: /dri:m/	Doctor: /'dɒktə(r)/ Sister: /'sɪstə(r)/ Teacher: /'ti:tʃə(r)/ Uncle: /'ʌŋkl/ Cycle: /'saɪkl/ Welcome: /'welkəm/	Adequate: /'ædɪkwət/ Grandfather: /'grænfa:ðə(r)/ Bicycle: /'baɪsaɪkl/ Officer: /'ɒfɪsə(r)/ Passenger: /'pæsɪndʒə(r)/ Attention: /ə'tenʃn/

Activity three

Transcribe the following words phonetically and indicate whether they contain a syllabic consonant or a consonant cluster.

Words	Transcription	Words	Transcription
1. Spleen	/spli:n/	13. Often	/'ɒfn/
2. Battle	/'bætl/	14. Straight	/'streɪt/
3. Contexts	/'kɒnteksts/	15. Ribbon	/'rɪbn/
4. Skittles	/'skɪtlz/	16. Drizzle	/'drɪzl/
5. Fiddle	/'fɪdl/	17. Pumps	/'pʌmps/
6. Screw	/skru:/	18. Bumped	/'bʌmpt/
7. Burden	/'bɜ:dn/	19. Kettle	/'ketl/
8. Sadden	/'sædn/	20. Struck	/'strʌk/
9. Sprain	/spreɪn/	21. Twelfths	/'twelfθs/
10. Attempts	/ə'temptz/	22. Tempts	/'temptz/
11. Splodge	/splɒdʒ/	23. Scratch	/'skrætʃ/
12. Dribble	/'drɪbl/	24. Middle	/'mɪdl/