

PRACTICE

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		.V.	6. Laugh		.V.
2. Eyes		.V.	7. Two		.V.
3. Key		.V.	8. Youth		.V.
4. Day		.V.	9. Weigh		.V.
5. Through		.V.	10. Rhyme		.V.

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

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		13. Often	
2. Battle		14. Straight	
3. Contexts		15. Ribbon	
4. Skittles		16. Drizzle	
5. Fiddle		17. Pumps	
6. Screw		18. Bumped	
7. Burden		19. Kettle	
8. Sadden		20. Struck	
9. Sprain		21. Twelfths	
10. Attempts		22. Tempts	
11. Splodge		23. Scratch	
12. Dribble		24. Middle	