

Building Two-Syllable Words

Decoding Words

Instructions:

Invite your child to match up syllables to build two-syllable words. Have him or her start with the syllable at the top of the left column ("side") and draw a line to connect it to a second syllable in the right column. Then instruct your child to write the complete word on the corresponding line below. Keep going until your child has connected and written all seven two-syllable words.

Helpful Hint:

Show your child how to count the syllables in words by clapping with each one. For example, the word "train" has only one syllable, so your child would clap once as he or she says the word. But for a two-syllable word like "inside," your child would clap twice: in (clap) side (clap). Encourage your child to practice segmenting words in this way as he or she completes the activity. Have your child say both syllables together to pronounce the complete word and then say the word again, this time clapping with each syllable.



1. side cake
2. cup on
3. ham walk
4. tur boy
5. cray th
6. mark er
7. el

1. sidewalk
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Answer Key

1. side cake
2. cup on
3. ham walk
4. tur bow
5. cray tle
6. mark ster
7. el er

1. sidewalk

2. cupcake

3. hamster

4. turtle

5. crayon

6. marker

7. elbow