

# Rules for Counting Syllables



Dr. B's  
Tutor & Teach

**1** **One Vowel Sound** *per syllable*

**2** **Split at double consonants** but|ter  
bat|tle

**3** **Split at compound words** mail|box dog|house

**4** **Split at vccv**  
(vowel consonant consonant vowel) el|bow doc|tor

**5** **Split at c-le**  
(consonant followed by le) tur|tle cra|dle

**6** **Split prefix or suffix** pre|view kind|ness