

## SYLLABLES/SPELLING PATTERNS

### What is a Syllable?

A **syllable** is a single sound heard when saying a word out loud.

All words have at least one syllable.

A syllable may be one letter or several letters.

#### **Example:**

The word contagious has 3 syllables.

You  
con

Wh

Sell  
mar

bea

bre

great



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Recognizing spelling patterns can help you pronounce words you may not know.



## Try This!

How many syllables are in the word **watermelon**?

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 6

**Comb**, **dumb**, and **debt** all share a common spelling pattern, that pattern is:

- a) an unstressed vowel.
- b) a silent letter.
- c) the words are spelled incorrectly.

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bead, great, read, bread, treat, instead, break, head, meat

Now, **list** the above words in groups based on their **pronunciation**.

Group 1

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Group 2

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Group 3

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