Syllables

_Hearing and counting syllables (the parts of words) gives your child an important foundation for learning to read!_

Counting syllables is easy! Just _say and clap_ each part, or “beat,” of the word.

Try these ideas to help your child count syllables. Have fun!

- **TEXT NAME GAME** Show your child how to _say and clap_ the syllables of their name and family members’ names.

- **I SPY** Choose an object in the room, and give your child clues. You might say, “I spy with my little eye, something that starts with the sound /t/. It has two syllables, and it has four legs!” _Ta-ble!

- **SYLLABLE SEARCH** _Say and clap_ syllables throughout the day! You might see a _tree_ (1 syllable), a _pup-py_ (2), the _li-bra-ry_ (3), and an _el-e-va-tor_ (4). Can you find something with 5 syllables?

Use the pictures on the next page:

1. Look at each picture. Together, _say and clap_ the syllables for each word.
2. Next, choose a word. _Say and clap_ the syllables:
   - Can your child point to the correct picture?
   - Can your child point to the correct number card?
3. Say one of the words.
   - Can your child _say and clap_ the syllables?