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# Counting Syllables In A Word

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Language Arts 1.01  
Develop phonemic awareness  
and demonstrate knowledge of  
alphabetic principle

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# What are syllables?

*Syllables are parts of a word.*

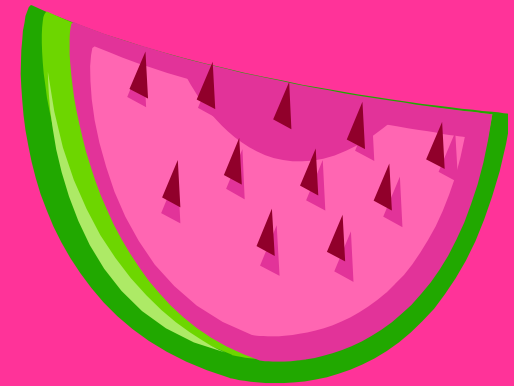
**To count the syllables, think about the number of parts that are in the word.**

**Here is an example.**

**Think about the word**  
**picnic.**

**pic nic**

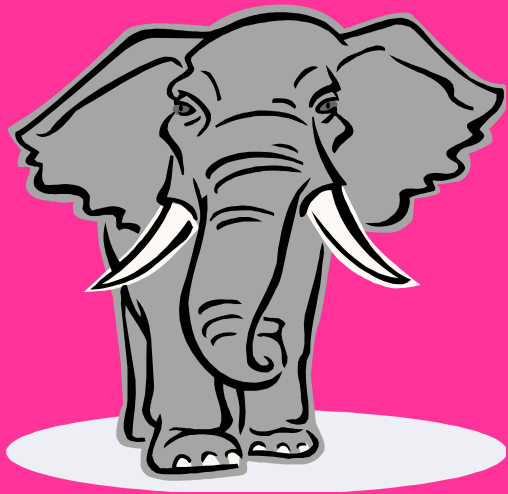
**This word has two parts or**  
**two syllables.**



The class went on a  
**picnic.**

**Here is another example.**

***The elephant lives at  
the zoo.***

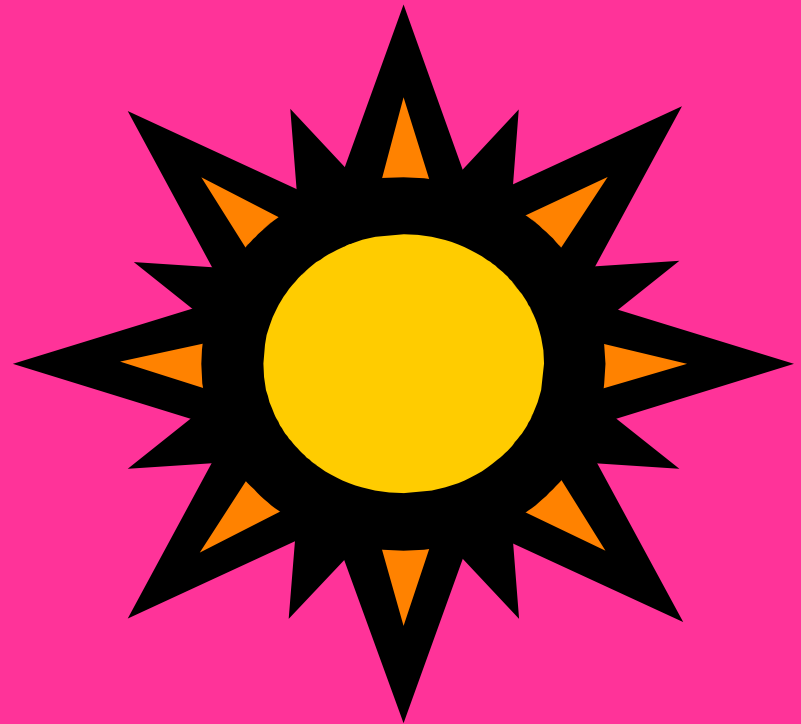


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This word has three parts or  
three syllables.

**Now see if you can try some on  
your own.**

*How many  
syllables are  
in the word sun?*



***If you said  
one, you're  
right!***

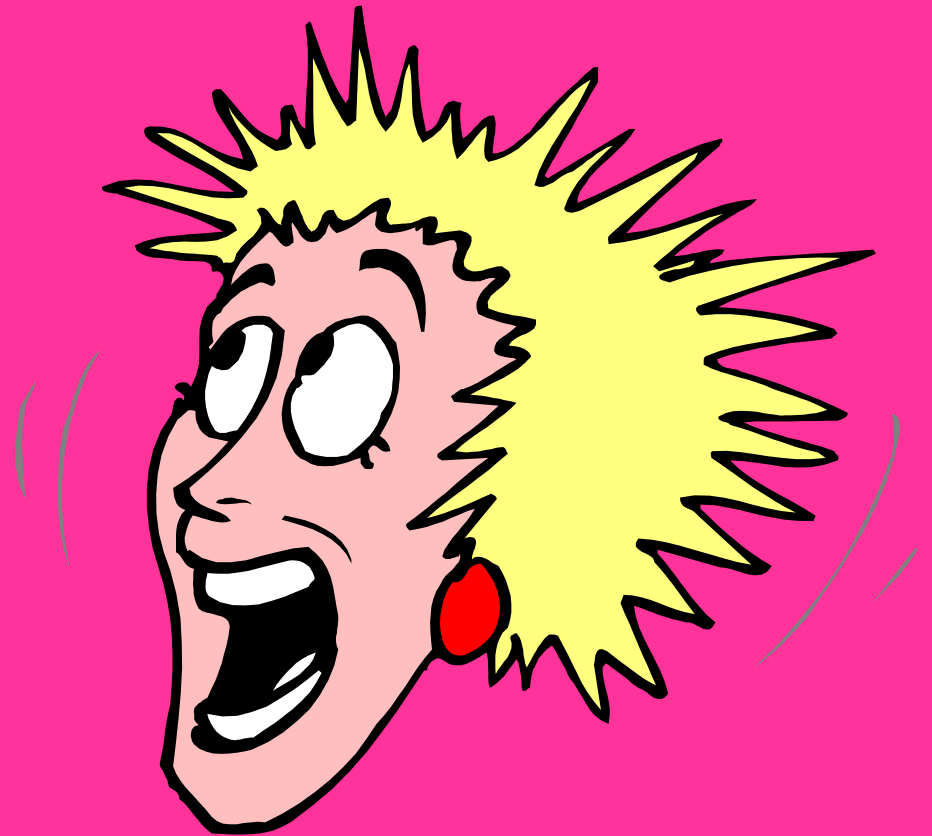


*How many  
syllables are  
in the word  
alligator?*

*al li ga tor*



***The correct  
answer is  
four!***



*Count the  
syllables in the  
word  
hamburgers.*

*ham bur gers*



***There are three (1,2,3) syllables in  
the word hamburgers.***

***Just remember, syllables  
are parts of words.***

***Happy Counting!***