

Syllabication

Syllabication is the process of breaking a word into syllables, such as "syl-la-ble."

It may be useful to create a list of vocabulary words and help the student break the words into syllables. Many educators suggest "clapping" the word into syllables, where each clap represents a syllable. However, I have found the "hand-to-chin" method to help students be more accurate. The student should flatten the hand, place it under the chin, and speak the word needing syllabication. A syllable in the word is represented each time the chin touches the hand as well as where to break the word into syllables. Ask the student to model this method for you.