

Syllable Division Rules

1. Divide between 2 consonants (rab-bit, mon-key)
2. Divide between 2 words (sail-boat, lip-stick)
3. Divide before and after blends (trans-fer, brink-man-ship)
4. Divide before 1 consonant (mi-ner, o-bey, to-ma-to)
 Exception: Latin words divide after consonant (lim-it, met-al)
5. Vowel teams that don't make a sound (underlined and red in chart below) divide between vowels (ra-di-o, me-ow, cas-u-al)
 Exception: some Latin words divide between 2 vowels that normally make another sound (di-et, con-gru-ent)
6. Divide after prefixes (pre-fix, be-fore)
 Divide before suffixes (hap-pi-ness, faith-ful, sleep-ing)
 le, divide 1 letter before -le (ta-ble, ket-tle)
 el, divide before -el (lev-el, reb-el)

	EA	<u>IA</u>	OA	<u>UA</u>	
AE	EE	IE	OE	UE	
AI	EI	<u>II</u>	OI	UI	
<u>AO</u>	<u>EO</u>	<u>IO</u>	OO	<u>UO</u>	<u>YO</u>
AU	EU	<u>IU</u>	OU		
AW	EW		OW		
AY	EY	<u>IY</u>	OY	UY	