LONGER WORD DETECTIVES

Find syllables. Read the parts. Blend the word.

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Grown-up quick guide

A syllable has one vowel sound. Say the word and listen.
Model the parts, then blend them into the whole word.
In these examples, a closed syllable ends in a consonant;
its vowel is short. An open syllable ends in a vowel;
its vowel is usually long. Give help with unfamiliar words.

1. Read the parts. Blend the whole word.

sun / set	sunset
nap / kin	napkin
ro / bot	robot

2. Divide each word into two syllables with a slash.

Read the parts. Then read the whole word.

picnic	rabbit	pilot

3. Write a sentence using one of the words above.

BUILD & READ WORDS

Look for a base word and its added parts.

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1. Read the base word. Add the part. Read the new word.

The prefix un- can mean not or the opposite of.

The suffix -ful can mean full of.

un + pack = _____

un + safe = _____

help + ful = _____

hope + ful = _____

2. Complete the sentences. Use the word bank.

unpack	unsafe	helpful	hopeful

I will _____ my bag.

The broken step is _____ .

You gave me a _____ hint.

THE LOST RABBIT

Read a story with one- and two-syllable words.

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Read the story. Then answer the questions.

At sunset, Ben went to the rabbit pen. The gate was open! Ben ran to get his sister, Meg. They looked behind the shed and under the wagon. Then Meg saw a carrot top move by a bush. She held out a carrot and sat still. The rabbit came out. Ben shut the gate when Meg put the rabbit back. "Next time, let us check the latch," he said.

1. Why did Meg sit still and hold out a carrot?

2. What will Ben and Meg do to help keep the rabbit safe?

Reread these words: sunset, rabbit, sister, wagon, carrot.

ANSWER KEY & NEXT STEPS

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2. pic / nic; rab / bit; pi / lot.

3. Accept a complete sentence using a practice word.

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1. unpack; unsafe; helpful; hopeful.

2. unpack; unsafe; helpful.

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1. To lure the rabbit out without scaring it away.

Accept similar answers supported by the story.

2. Check that the gate is shut and the latch is secure.

Accept similar answers referring to the gate or latch.

Try it together

Ask your reader to find a familiar part in a longer word.

Read the parts, blend the word, and check its meaning.

Keep practice brief. Return to easier examples as needed.

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