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Clap and count syllables

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Name: _____ Date: _____

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Say each word naturally, not stretched, and clap together. A hand under the chin helps too: the chin drops once for each syllable. Answers are on the last page.

1 Clap and colour

Say the word and clap each part. Colour one circle for each clap.

Tip: Every syllable has a vowel sound, so it is the beat you can sing.

cat	○○○○	fish	○○○○
rabbit	○○○○	robot	○○○○
sun	○○○○	butterfly	○○○○
banana	○○○○	tiger	○○○○
kitten	○○○○	watermelon	○○○○
elephant	○○○○	octopus	○○○○

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2 Sort by claps

Read each word in the box and clap it. Write it under the right number of claps.

muffin | dog | tomato | pencil | frog | dinosaur | basket | ship | hamburger | dolphin | lamp | umbrella

1 clap	2 claps	3 claps

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3 Put the parts together

Read each part, then read them together fast. Write the whole word.

1. sun · set → _____
2. rab · bit → _____
3. kit · ten → _____
4. nap · kin → _____
5. pic · nic → _____
6. bas · ket → _____
7. pump · kin → _____
8. ti · ger → _____
9. ba · na · na → _____
10. el · e · phant → _____

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4 Read and clap

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the words with more than one clap. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. The rabbit sat on a napkin. ☐
2. A kitten hid in the basket. ☐
3. We had a picnic at sunset. ☐
4. The tiger can see the elephant. ☐
5. Pam got a big pumpkin. ☐

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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows what to practise next.

1. Clap and colour

cat **1** · rabbit **2** · sun **1** · banana **3** · kitten **2** · elephant **3** · fish **1** · robot **2** · butterfly **3** · tiger **2** · watermelon **4** · octopus **3**

2. Sort by claps

1 clap: dog, frog, ship, lamp
2 claps: muffin, pencil, basket, dolphin
3 claps: tomato, dinosaur, hamburger, umbrella

3. Put the parts together

1. **sunset**
2. **rabbit**
3. **kitten**
4. **napkin**
5. **picnic**
6. **basket**
7. **pumpkin**
8. **tiger**
9. **banana**
10. **elephant**

4. Underlined words

1. rabbit, napkin
2. kitten, basket
3. picnic, sunset
4. tiger, elephant
5. pumpkin

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's practice. When the whole pack feels easy, choose the next pack at dyslexiasteps.com/dyslexia-worksheets.

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