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Split two-syllable words

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For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. In words like rabbit and napkin, two consonants sit between the vowels, and the word splits between them. Each part then has a short vowel. Answers are on the last page.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word in two parts, then read the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
rabbit	☐	☐	☐	magnet	☐	☐	☐
kitten	☐	☐	☐	tennis	☐	☐	☐
muffin	☐	☐	☐	goblin	☐	☐	☐
napkin	☐	☐	☐	insect	☐	☐	☐
basket	☐	☐	☐	dentist	☐	☐	☐
picnic	☐	☐	☐	cactus	☐	☐	☐

Tip: Cover the second part with a finger, read the first part, then the second.

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2 Mark and split

Put a dot under each vowel. Draw a line between the two consonants in the middle. Write each part, then read the word.

Tip: Vowels are a, e, i, o and u. Two consonants between two vowels: split between them.

1. r a b b i t
2. n a p k i n
3. b a s k e t
4. p i c n i c
5. m a g n e t
6. g o b l i n
7. i n s e c t
8. d e n t i s t

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3 Read the parts, write the word

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

1. muf · fin → _____
2. ten · nis → _____
3. kit · ten → _____
4. mit · ten → _____
5. pup · pet → _____
6. hel · met → _____
7. plas · tic → _____
8. prob · lem → _____
9. cac · tus → _____
10. un · til → _____

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4 Word sort

Look at the two consonants in the middle of each word. Are they the same letter or two different letters? Write each word in the right column.

napkin | rabbit | basket | kitten | picnic
muffin | magnet | tennis | insect | puppet
dentist | mitten

Same letter (rab|bit)	Different letters (nap|kin)

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5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the two-syllable words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. The goblin had a muffin and a napkin. ☐
2. A rabbit sat in the basket. ☐
3. The kitten has a red mitten. ☐
4. Dad got a cactus at the picnic. ☐
5. The dentist has a magnet. ☐

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Answer key

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

2. Mark and split

1. **rab | bit**
2. **nap | kin**
3. **bas | ket**
4. **pic | nic**
5. **mag | net**
6. **gob | lin**
7. **in | sect**
8. **den | tist**

3. Read the parts, write the word

1. **muffin**
2. **tennis**
3. **kitten**
4. **mitten**
5. **puppet**
6. **helmet**
7. **plastic**
8. **problem**
9. **cactus**
10. **until**

4. Word sort

Same letter (rab|bit): rabbit, kitten, muffin, tennis, puppet, mitten
Different letters (nap|kin): napkin, basket, picnic, magnet, insect, dentist

5. Underlined words

1. goblin, muffin, napkin
2. rabbit, basket
3. kitten, mitten
4. cactus, picnic
5. dentist, magnet

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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