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Episode 409: Chunking Words and Animal Clothing

Book: Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett

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Read It

Read the passage out loud.

What an exciting day! We are going on a field trip to the desert! My teacher said the conditions will be hot and dry. He also said we won't be assisting the animals, only observing them. I really hope we see a jackrabbit!

Try It

Use the rules **for dividing syllables** on the words below.

conditions

observing

jackrabbit

Phonics Skills

Words are made up of syllables. A **syllable** is a part of a word with a vowel sound.

Dividing Syllables

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| - Every syllable has one vowel or vowel team. | -Remember the vowels are a, e, i, o, u and sometimes y. |
| -Place a dot under each vowel. | -This helps us make sure our syllables only have one vowel sound! |
| -Underline any vowel teams. | |
| -Divide syllables between <u>a</u> consonant and <u>a</u> vowel, between <u>two</u> consonants, or between <u>two</u> vowels. | -Two or more letters, usually vowels, sometimes work together to make 1 vowel sound, like ee. |
| -Keep digraphs or consonant blends together. | -Consonant blends usually stay together. Consonant blends are two consonants that make one sound, like ch-, or two consonants that slide together, like bl-. |