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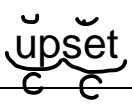
## Unit 12 Syllable Division Rules with Multisyllabic Words

Syllable division rules show us how to break up a multi-syllable word into its syllable parts. Learning the rules of syllable division gives students strategies for chunking up bigger words into manageable parts. Helpful hint: Every syllable has a vowel. Step 1: Find your vowels. Step 2: How many consonants are between the 2 vowels? What pattern do you see (VCCV, VCV)? Step 3: Use the syllable division rule to divide the word into syllables. Today, you will focus on dividing compound words and words with the vowel pattern VCCV.

**Rule 1: The multisyllabic word is a compound word (2 small words put together) like **sunfish**.**

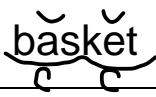
We can divide compound words between the 2 words to find each syllable: sunfish

**Directions:** Divide the word into syllables by scooping each syllable. Mark the closed syllables. Write the syllables on the lines.

	<u>up</u> <u>set</u>	bathtub	_____
pigpen	_____	backpack	_____
sandbox	_____	sunset	_____

**Rule 2: Two consonants between the vowels: VCCV Pattern.** Look at the word **publish**, is it a compound word? **Pub** is a word but **lish** is not a word, so it is NOT a compound word. We must use another strategy to divide the word into syllables. Let's look at the 2 vowels (u, i). How many consonants are between the 2 vowels? Do you see the VCCV pattern? Then we divide the word between the 2 consonants: publish

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	<u>bas</u> <u>ket</u>	sandal	_____
mascot	_____	helmet	_____
absent	_____	insect	_____