

Tools for Unlocking New Words

Reading Single-Syllable Words

Use this routine to read words with one syllable, such as *cat*, *me*, *dream*, *shout*, *bird*, and *face*.

1. **Read:** Blend its sound by sound.
2. **Fix:** Adjust your pronunciation or try another vowel sound as needed to read the word.

Reading Multisyllabic Words

Use this routine to read words with more than one syllable, such as *cabin*, *magnetic*, *human*, *bubble*, *normal*, and *travel*.

1. **Look:** Find the vowel spellings, so you can try splitting this word into syllables. Remember every syllable has a vowel sound.
2. **Read:** Read each syllable. Then read the whole word.
3. **Fix:** Adjust your pronunciation or try another vowel sound as needed to read the word.

Reading Words With Prefixes, Suffixes, and Endings

Use this routine to read words with prefixes, suffixes and endings, such as *mistrust*, *predict*, *fearless*, *quickly*, *puppies*, *saving*, and *digging*.

1. **Look:** Find and read the base word. (It may have a change!)
2. **Find:** Read the added word part(s).
3. **Read:** Put it all together and read the word.
4. **Fix:** Adjust your pronunciation or try another vowel sound as needed to read the word.