

Syllable Awareness Assessment

Teacher Notes

The purpose of this “whole class” assessment is to determine whether students can hear syllables as distinct speech patterns. The words are not printed on the **Syllable Awareness Assessment** because this is a sounds recognition phonemic awareness test. Students do not clap during the test to prevent them from copying other students.

Directions/Grading/Recording

Pass out the **Syllable Awareness Assessment** to students. Say—“This is a short test to see if you can count the number of word parts in each of the words I say out loud. A word part is also called a syllable. Let’s practice one together. The word is *table*. [Do not isolate the syllables.] Say the word. [Wait for student response.] How many syllables did you hear? [Wait for student response.] There are two syllables in *table*.

On your test, find the Example and point to it. [Confirm that students have pointed to the Example.] The word is *gasoline*. Say the word. [Wait for student response.] Shade in the number of syllables. [Wait for students to shade in their answers.] You should have shaded in the circle marked ③ because there are three syllables in *gasoline*. All of the words I will say have two, three, or four syllables. Let’s start with Number One. Ready? The word is *nation*. Say the word. Shade in the number of syllables.” Follow this script for the rest of the test.

Once the assessments have been scored, record a / on the **Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Sight Words, and Fluency Mastery Matrix** for each student not meeting the mastery criteria of 80%.

Test Items/Answers

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| 1. | nation | ② |
| 2. | contribute | ③ |
| 3. | active | ② |
| 4. | relationship | ④ |
| 5. | reference | ③ |
| 6. | dribbling | ② |
| 7. | environment | ④ |
| 8. | upset | ② |
| 9. | indecisive | ④ |
| 10. | lottery | ③ |