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## Multisyllable Reading, Chunking and Spelling Practice

**Main Rule:** On an unfamiliar word, stop each chunk after the vowel sound and say the chunk using the First Vowel Sound or the most common option.

**Exception #1:** Add any doubled consonant to the chunk.

**Exception #2:** Add any marker (x, ck, tch, dg) to the chunk.

**Exception #3:** Add a consonant if the next chunk is “hard to say.”

**Basic Strategy:** Stay with the *first vowel sound* in the chunk if an exception was applied and try *second* and *third vowel sounds* in the other chunks.

1. Mark off ten words in a column and have the student attempt to read each of the ten words. Put a checkmark next to it if it is read correctly and move on.

2. Have the student go back down the column and say the checked words in three chunks while drawing a vertical line between the chunks. Discuss the choices made in terms of the **main rule** and the **exceptions** above.

3. Then go back over the unchecked words and have the student apply the same chunking strategy, marking the chunks with a pencil. Offer corrections as needed.

afternoon

factory

allergy

volunteer

history

already

difficult

minimum

telescope

slippery

memorize

underline

battery

possibly

happiness

butterfly

happily

personal

comedy

injury

organic

container

wilderness

operate

crocodile

decorate

majesty

gravity

multiply

barbecue

basketball	magnify	several
calendar	sincerely	vacation
substitute	umbrella	obvious
qualify	vanilla	sensation
president	library	solution
passenger	officer	accident
sacrifice	overdue	quotation
concentrate	porcupine	paragraph
difference	volcano	sensible
exercise	stadium	suspicion
however	scientist	general
inventor	remember	wherever
celery	imagine	manager
triangle	professor	vibration
volleyball	location	mistletoe
yesterday	rectangle	instantly
together	violin	national
surgery	dangerous	important
sorcerer	position	canary
messenger	detective	cardinal