

Spelling longer words

Some words are too long to break into **phonemes**. First you need to break them into smaller words.

Compound words

Compound words are made from two smaller words joined together.

today = to + day football = foot + ball

You can spell compound words by saying the two words and spelling each one in turn.



Say the syllables

It is easier to spell longer words if you break them into **syllables**. Syllables are the beats in the word. You can hear the syllables when you say the word.

important → im-por-tant (three syllables)

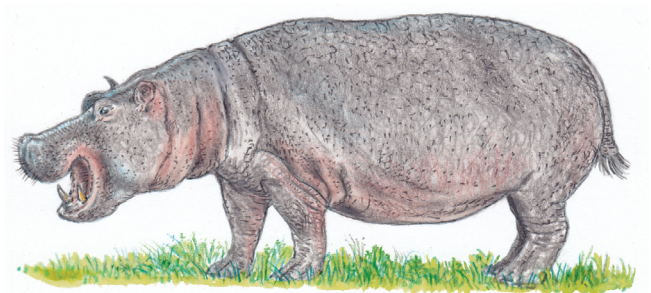
remembering → re-mem-ber-ing (four syllables)

hippopotamus → hip-po-po-ta-mus (five syllables)

Say and write each syllable in turn.

Words and suffixes

Some long words are made up of a short word and a **suffix**. You can spell these words by writing the short word and then adding the suffix.



enjoy-ment play-ful mad-ness care-less bad-ly
pave-ment hope-ful sad-ness hope-less quick-ly

Test yourself

Say the names of these pictures. Listen for the syllables or smaller words. Then write down the words.

1.



3.



2.



4.



Remember

Break a long word up into smaller parts. Write the word one part at a time.