



The BUILDING BLOCKS of Words



school-teacher

A **monosyllable** has one vowel sound/spelling (one hand clap). A **polysyllable** has two or more. The words 'school' and 'tea' are monosyllables. 'Teacher' and 'school-teacher' are polysyllables.

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A **consonant blend** is when two or three consonant sounds are said together in one syllable. The consonant blend /sk/ is represented by the 's' 'c' 'h' in 'school', 's' 'c' in 'scarf' and 's' 'k' in 'skin'. The blend /skr/ is represented by the 's' 'c' 'r' in 'screw'. 'Hand' has a blend but panda doesn't!

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When words "rhyme - 'y' 'm' 'e'", they end with the same vowel and any consonant sounds. There are three rhymes in 'schoolteacher'. The rhyme /ool/ is in 'cool', 'fool', 'pool', 'tool' and 'stool'. The rhyme /ee/ is in 'be', 'he', 'me', 'she' and 'we' and in 'bee', 'flee', 'free', 'knee', 'see', 'three' and 'tree'. 'Key', 'quay' and 'ski' also rhyme. 'Flea', 'pea', 'plea' and 'sea' also rhyme but can also be called "rimes - 'i' 'm' 'e'" because they are spelled the same as in 'tea'.

s ch oo l t ea ch er

consonant	consonant	vowel	consonant	consonant	vowel	consonant	vowel
1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1

There are eight sounds in 'schoolteacher'. One letter making one sound is a 1-1 (One to one). Two letters making one sound is a 2-1 (Two to one). 'Tape', 'kite' and 'note' have a 2-1 (Two to one but split). Three letters making one sound is a 3-1 (Three to one) e.g. the 'i' 'g' 'h' in 'light'. Four letters making one sound is a 4-1 (Four to one) e.g. the 'o' 'u' 'g' 'h' in 'thoughts'. In 'thoughts', the 't' 'h' is a consonant 2-1 but the 't' 's' is a consonant blend, because each letter represents a consonant sound.