Syllable Division Rules

1. **Separate prefixes and suffixes from root words.**
   - *examples*: *pre*-view, work-*ing*, *re*-do, end-*less*, & out-*ing*

2. **Are two (or more) consonants next to each other?**
   - **Divide between the 1ˢᵗ and 2ⁿᵈ consonants.**
     - *examples*: bu*f-f*et, de*s-s*ert, o*b-j*ect, be*r-r*y, & pi*l-gr*im
   - **Never** split 2 consonants that make only 1 sound when pronounced together and aren't the same letter (*i.e., 'ff'*).
     - *examples*: *th*, *sh, ph*, *th*, *ch*, & *wh*

3. **Is the consonant surrounded by vowels?**
   - **Does the vowel have a long sound?** (Like the 'i' in l**i**ne)
     - Divide before the consonant.
     - *examples*: b**a**-by, *re*-sult, *i*-vy, fr**o**-zen, & C**u**-pid
   - **Does the vowel have a short sound?** (Like the 'i' in m**i**ll)
     - Divide after the consonant.
     - *examples*: m**e**t-al, r**i**v-er, m**o**d-el, v**a**l-ue, & r**a**v-age

4. **Does the word end with '**ckle**'?**
   - Divide right before the '**le**.'
   - *examples*: tack-*le*, freck-*le*, tick-*le*, & buck-*le*

5. **Does the word end with '**le**' (not '**ckle**')?**
   - **Is the letter before the '**le**' a consonant?**
     - Divide 1 letter before the '**le**.'
     - *examples*: ap-*ple*, rum-*ble*, fa-*ble*, & ta-*ble*
   - **Is the letter before the '**le**' a vowel?**
     - Do nothing.
     - *examples*: **a**le, sc**a**le, s**a**le, f**i**le, & t**i**le