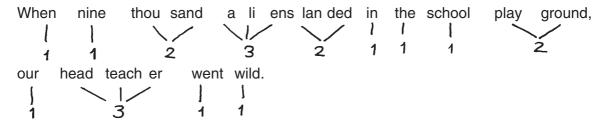
## Sound bites

Words break into sound units, or beats, which are called 'syllables'. You need to sound words aloud to find out how many syllables they have. Remember you're to think about how they sound, not how they look.

**Tip:** Every syllable contains at least one vowel.

## For example:

When nine thousand aliens landed in the school playground, our headteacher went wild.



Write four more sentences to this story and then work out the number of syllables in each of your words.

Breaking words into syllables will help you to work out how to spell them.

Count the number of words with 1, 2, 3 or 4 syllables and fill in this chart:

Words with 1 syllable	Words with 2 syllables	Words with 3 syllables	Words with 4 syllables

A Spelling Haiku

Spelling isn't hard,

Once you know some of the tricks.

That makes it easy.

## **EXTRA!**

Write some Haiku poems. A Haiku has three lines:

Line 1 = 5 syllables Line 2 = 7 syllables Line 3 = 5 syllables