

KS3 English Quiz - Syllables (Monosyllables) 01 (Questions)

Monosyllables are words which make a single beat. As we've seen in the Syllables (counting) quiz, words can be broken down into syllables. Some words contain only one syllable and these are monosyllabic words. "It", "cat" and "and" are all monosyllabic.

What would it be like if we wrote in words with one beat all the time and did not choose words with two beats or more? How long would it take you to see that these were the sole type of word you read? Would you see this at once or when some time had gone by? The words would sound like chop chop chop and so on and so on.

Did you notice that the last four sentences were written only in monosyllables? Anything written in this way becomes repetitive and monotonous very quickly. Just as it is important to vary your vocabulary and the lengths of your sentences, it is also important to vary the rhythm of your writing, too, by using words with different numbers of syllables.

Take this quiz to see how well you can spot monosyllabic words.

1. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

The motorway remains open for overnight traffic.

- motorway, open
- overnight, traffic
- remains, open
- The, for

2. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Charlie returned Martin's cricket ball quickly.

- ball
- cricket
- Martin's
- quickly

3. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Making tea quickly using boiling water is dangerous.

- Making, tea
- tea, is
- using, boiling
- water, is

4. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Red fruits are strawberries, raspberries and cherries.

- are, strawberries, raspberries, and
- Red, fruits, are, and
- Red, fruits, strawberries, raspberries
- strawberries, raspberries, and, cherries

5. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Yellow fruits are lemons, peaches and bananas.

- fruits, are, and
- fruits, are, lemons
- lemons, peaches, bananas
- Yellow, fruits, are

6. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Teachers remember pupils' names easily.

- names
- pupil's
- remember
- Teachers

7. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Grandfather clocks eventually become antiques.

- antiques
- become
- clocks
- Grandfather

8. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Spectators watch table tennis tournaments.

- Spectators
- table
- tennis
- watch

9. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Newspapers or magazines announce current affairs.

- affairs
- announce
- current
- or

10. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

Musical instrument construction takes ages.

- ages
- construction
- instrument
- takes

1. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

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- motorway, open
 overnight, traffic
 remains, open
 The, for

Monosyllables have one syllable only. "Open" has two: o/pen

2. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

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- ball
 cricket
 Martin's
 quickly

"Cricket" has two syllables: crick/et; so do "Martin" and "Charlie"

3. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

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 water, is

Dang/er/ous has three syllables

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 Red, fruits, are, and
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Straw/berr/ies and rasp/berr/ies have three syllables each

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 Yellow, fruits, are

Ba/nan/as has three syllables

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- names
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 remember
 Teachers

Eas/i/ly has three syllables

7. Look at the following sentence and select the answer that contains only monosyllables.

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- antiques
 become
 clocks
 Grandfather

E/vent/u/al/ly has five syllables

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Individual syllables can contain quite a few letters. "Watch" contains five

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Mag/a/zines has three syllables

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All syllables must have at least one vowel