

Name _____

Every syllable has a working vowel. Some words have more than one syllable. There are two skills used to break words into syllables. This is Decoding Skill 1.

Lesson 61: Decoding Skill 1

1. Mark under the word.

motel
x x
→

2. Go back to the first vowel.

motel
x x
↖

3. How many guardian consonants follow the vowel *o*? Just one, *t*, so it moves or goes on to the next syllable. Box in the first syllable.

motel
x x
|

4. Will the vowel *o* be long or short? (Long, because it stands alone.) Mark the vowel long.

motel
x x
|

5. Will the vowel in the second syllable be long or short? (Short, because it still has a guardian. We no longer need to mark guardians with a star.) Mark the vowel *e* short.

motel
x x
|

6. Box the final syllable.

motel
x x
|

Prove and read the following words. The first word has been done for you.

nōmad
x x

decide program

robot delay remain

began minus protect