

Support for English Learners

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Some students may have difficulty understanding that the two vowels in words with the VV pattern spell two separate vowel sounds. Others may have difficulty pronouncing the vowels.

Listen

Remind students that when two vowels appear together they can either make one vowel sound or two separate sounds. Say the Basic Words *diet*, *create*, *museum*, and *audio*. Tell students that each of these words has two vowels that appear together, and each vowel makes a separate sound. Say the words again, emphasizing the syllable breaks between the vowels.

Speak and Read

Say: *Let's practice dividing the Basic Word diet into syllables: di et.* Have students repeat after you, enunciating each syllable. Continue with *create*, *museum*, and *audio*.

Write *diet* on the board. Have students identify the two vowels that appear together. Circle the vowels and divide *diet* into syllables. Say: *You can find the syllables in these words by dividing the word between the two vowels.* Continue with *create*, *museum*, and *audio*.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Write the syllables *olet*, *el*, *in*, *al*, *ate*, and *ot* on the board. Create and distribute the syllable cards *cru*, *cre*, *tri*, *ru*, *ri*, and *vi* to each student. Have students tape their syllable cards next to the syllables on the board to make Basic words. Have them identify the vowels and say each word aloud.

Early Production/Speech Emergent Write the first syllables of the following Basic Words on the board: *vi_ _ _ _*, *cru_ _*, *tri_ _*, *ru_ _*, *cre_ _ _*, and *ri_ _*. Have volunteers come to the board and fill in the missing letters, using colored chalk. Have them draw a line between the two vowels. Then have students repeat the words after you, stressing the separate syllables.

Intermediate/Advanced Say the Basic Words *violet*, *cruel*, *trial*, *ruin*, *create*, and *riot* aloud. Have students tell you how to spell the words as you write them on the board. Have volunteers say a sentence for each Basic Word and then divide each word into syllables.

