

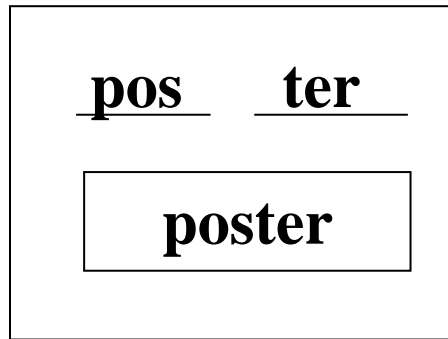
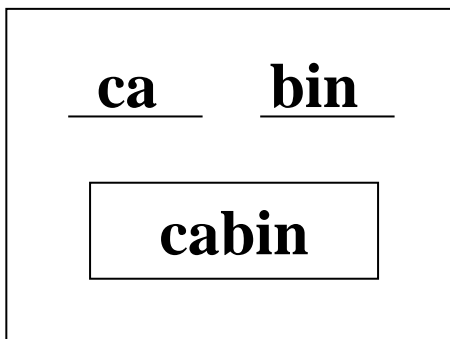
## Multisyllabic Spelling Boxes

### What are “Multisyllabic Spelling Boxes” and why are they important?

"Multisyllabic Spelling Boxes" (McCracken & McCracken, 1995) are used to help your child sound out words with more than one syllable. The strategy provides an opportunity for your child to listen for the sounds of words and to practice writing on lines in the boxes the letters that represent those sounds.

### How can I use “Multisyllabic Spelling Boxes” with my child?

Pronounce the word and have your child repeat it. As you introduce a word to your child, encourage him to listen for the number of syllables in the word. Clap while saying each syllable in the word so your child can hear the number of syllables. For example, the word *cabin* has two syllables (*ca bin*). Provide a worksheet or tell your child to draw a box with the same number of lines as there are syllables in the word. Your child then repeats the word and claps the syllables again. Encourage your child to write the first portion of the word he said on the first line and the second portion on the second line. Then, write the whole word beneath the two lines. When your child feels comfortable using the strategy, add words of three or more syllables.



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