

Rules of Twos and Threes

Rule 1

If a stem or part of the stem begins with:

- A vowel, divide off the first two letters
- A consonant, divide off the first three letters

Rule 2

If you can't make sense of the stem after using Rule 1, take off the first letter of the stem and use Rule 1 again.

Rule 3

When two different vowels are together, try making both of the vowel sounds (diet).

If this does not work, try pronouncing them together using only one of the vowel sounds (believe).