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What You Will Learn

Read this page with your teacher.

When you have read *Chaos at the Kiosk*, *The Riot*, and *Romeo and Juliet*, you will be able to read another group of words with two vowels next to each other.

You will have learned that:

- A few words have two vowels together and you divide these words between the two vowels.
- When you divide the word between the vowels, the first syllable becomes open, so you say the long vowel sound when you read it.

- Some of these words have two syllables, for example ri/ot. Some have three syllables, for example, Ro/me/o, and others have four syllables, for example, con/tin/u/um.

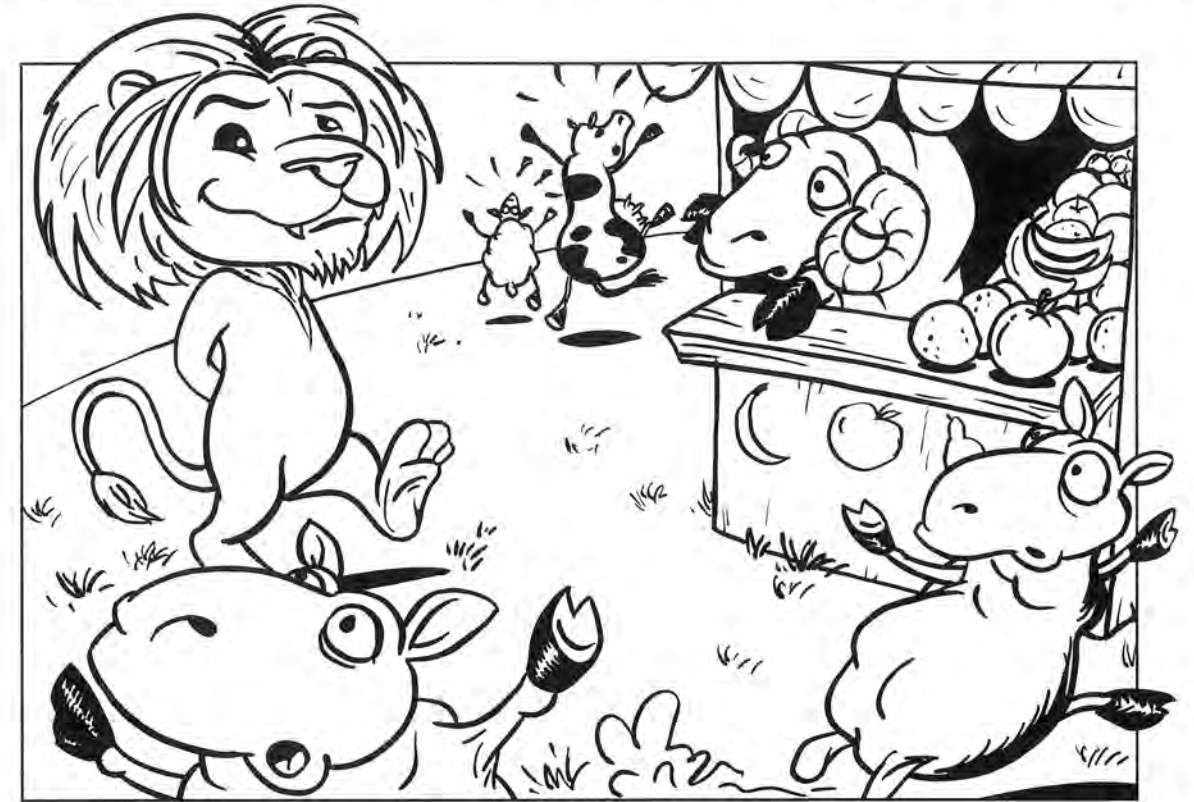
Remember to pronounce any other syllables with long or short vowel sounds depending on whether they are open or closed.

Here are some other examples:

li/on di/et
vi/o/lin mu/se/um.



Chaos at the Kiosk



There was chaos at the kiosk
When a lion meandered by.
He created a violent riot
In the twinkling of an eye.

“I don’t want to harm you,
I’m on an apple diet.
Animals are not part of it,
So all of you BE QUIET!”

The Riot

Should I go and get a video or play my violin while I wait for Diana?

1 Noel looked out of the window at the flashing neon light over the video store. Diana would be home from her trip to the museum soon. "Should I go and get a video or play my violin while I wait for Diana?" Noel said to himself.



2 Just then Noel heard shouts, then a siren, and Diana rushed through the door. She had a cut on her face and her skirt was torn!

"What is it?" asked Noel.

"What's going on out there?"

"It's a riot!" shouted Diana. "It's chaos out there!"

"What happened?" asked Noel.

"A boa got loose!" said Diana.

"People reacted quickly. Someone called

the animal keepers."

"So why was there a riot?" asked Noel.

"Some people wanted to shoot the boa," said Diana. "They didn't want to wait for the animal keepers. Then some other people started to create a fuss about it. They said it was cruel to shoot the boa."

3 Then the violence erupted."

"Where were you?" asked Noel.

"I was on the museum steps," said Diana. "I had the video camera. That was like adding fuel to the chaos. One man thought he would be seen on the video. He tried to coerce me into giving it up. But I was defiant. I ran away before the video got ruined."

"They'll need to stop the riot," said Noel. "If they don't, people will just do what they like."

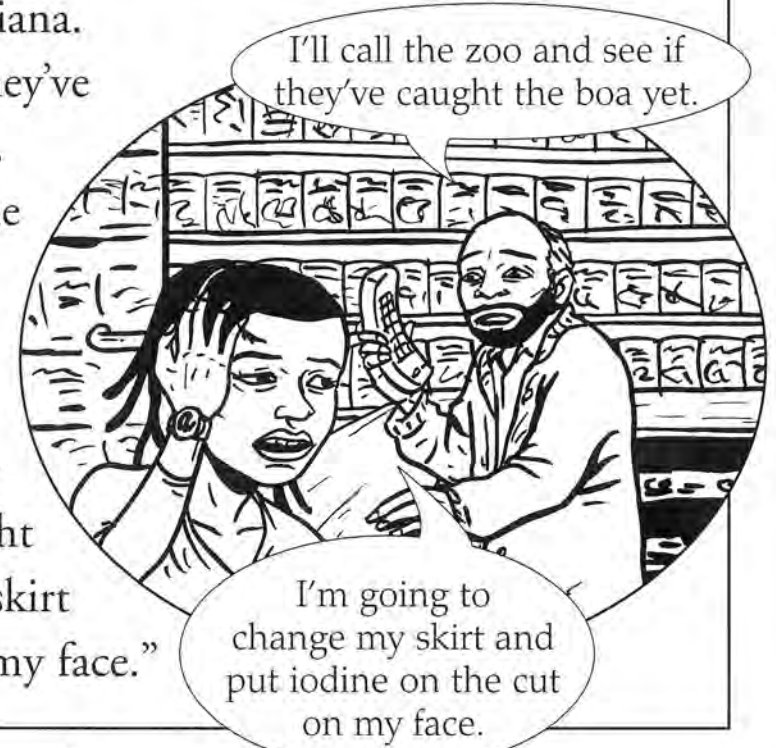


4 "When the chaos is all over and it's all quiet again, we need to get the video to someone," said Diana.

"I'll call the zoo and see if they've caught the boa yet," said Noel.

"We can't go out there until the boa is caught and all the violence is over."

"Use your influence," said Diana. "Get someone to come around here for the video. Right now, I'm going to change my skirt and put iodine on the cut on my face."



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Romeo and Juliet

1

I'm not going to any silly rodeo. I want to get a video.

That's a good idea. We can get a video about rodeos.

"Let's go to the rodeo," Theo said.

"I'm not going to any silly rodeo," Chloe snapped. "I want to get a video."

"That's a good idea," said Theo. "We can get a video about rodeos."

"You know I hate rodeos!" snapped Chloe again. "I like romance with violins playing and people singing duets and dancing minuets."

2

"And I suppose you want poetry, too," said Theo.

"Yes, people reading poems would be great," said Chloe. "Poetry can create a romantic feeling."

"OK," said Theo, "Why don't we get two videos? One about rodeos and one romance."

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3

Oh! Don't you know anything?

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"That's a great idea," Chloe said. "We could get *Romeo and Juliet*."

"Who are Romeo and Juliet?" Theo asked.

"Oh! Don't you know anything?" Chloe said.

"I know a lot about science and diet and pioneers and lions," Theo said. "Just nothing about Romeo and Juliet."

4

"Romeo and Juliet were in love a long time ago," Chloe said. "They were young, like us."

"So what happened to them?" asked Theo.

"Their families didn't want them to see each other," said Chloe. "It was all so cruel."

"Did they challenge anyone to a duel?" asked Theo.

Romeo and Juliet were in love a long time ago. They were young, like us.

Did they challenge anyone to a duel?

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"I don't think so," said Chloe. "But they created such a fuss, it all ended up in chaos. Romeo and Juliet both died."

"Chaos! Sounds a bit gross to me!" Theo said. "If that's romance, I'd rather watch a rodeo."

"I tell you what," said Chloe. "I'll watch the rodeo video with you, if you watch the *Romeo and Juliet* video with me. Deal?"

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"It's a deal," Theo said. "But I bet both the videos are out."

"If they are," said Chloe, "we'll have to watch that lion movie again."

But I bet both the videos are out.

If they are, we'll have to watch that lion movie again.