Number of Syllables- The Same or Different Games

Without looking below, listen to your teacher read out two words from the same line and hold up “The same” or “Different” cards depending on the number of syllables (don’t worry about the sounds).

Circle the word with a different number of syllables in each line below.

Schwa
- length/ lengthen/ long
- sad/ sadness/ sadder

Long and short vowel sounds
- called/ cold/ colder
- forks/ fox/ foxes
- March/ match/ matches
- sick/ sicken/ seek

Short vowels and diphthongs
- cod/ code/ coded
- date/ dated/ debt
- etch/ H/ Hs

Long vowels and diphthongs
- nought/ note/ noted
- beak/ bike/ biker

Consonant clusters

Initial consonant clusters
- br
  - burrow/ bureau/ bro
  - bury/ brie/ berry
- cl/ kl
  - clot/ clots/ culottes
  - laws/ claws/ clauses
- cr/ kr
  - curate/ crate/ crates
- fr
  - furry/ fury/ free
- gl
  - glibly/ gullibly/ gullible
- pl
  - pulleys/ pleas/ please
- pr
  - pressed/ pure/ purest
  - purée/ pray/ prey
- sc/ sk
  - suckle/ school/ schooled
- sp
  - spa/ super/ supper
  - sporting/ sporty/ supporting
- str
  - storing/ string/ stringy
tr
● Tory/ tree/ trees

Final consonant clusters
ft
● soft/ softie/ soften
cks/ ks/ x
● tax/ taxes/ taxi
kstth/ xth
● sicken/ six/ sixth

mp
● scamp/ scampi/ scam
mpt
● temp/ tempt/ tempted

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b
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● tab/ taboo/ tabs

ch
● catch/ catches/ catchy
● itch/ itches/ itchy

d
● conned/ condo/ con
● food/ foodie/ foods

dj
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● orange/ orangey/ oranges

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● coffee/ cough/ coughing

h
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● am/ M/ MU

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• youth/ use/ you sue

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• push/ pushy/ pushed
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v
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• choose/ choosy/ chooses
• ease/ easy/ eases

Two vowel sounds together
• bully/ bullied/ bullying
• worried/ worry/ worrying
• ski/ skier/ skiing
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• tie/ tire/ tired
• quiet/ quit/ quite

s
• colleagues/ college/ colleges
• apologise/ apologises/ apologies

s and ed
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• mix/ mixed/ mixes
• need/ needed/ needs
• script/ scripted/ scripts

Adverbs
• fiscal/ fiscally/ physical

Contractions
• aren’t/ are not/ are
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• I’d/ I’d’ve/ I’ve
• it/ it’ll/ it will
• should/ shouldn’t/ should’ve
• want/ won’t/ want to
• we have/ weave/ we’ve
• wheel/ we’ll/ we will
• your/ you are/ you’re

Others
• double/ double U/ W

Check your answers, then play the same holding up cards game in groups.

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Cards to hold up

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