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Chunk It! Big Words

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Directions: Don't "sound out" big words letter by letter. Chop them into chunks (syllables), read each chunk, then blend!

1 Find the vowels 2 Chop between chunks 3 Read each chunk 4 Blend it fast

un

der

stand

ing

= understanding
(4 chunks)

Big word	Write it in chunks	# of chunks
1. understanding		
2. fantastic		
3. remember		
4. butterfly		
5. watermelon		
6. invitation		
7. helicopter		
8. important		
9. dinosaur		
10. unhappily		

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Put the Chunks Together

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Directions: The chunks got mixed up! Put them in the right order and write the real word on the line.

11. **kin** **pump** _____
12. **ket** **bas** _____
13. **bit** **rab** _____
14. **nic** **pic** _____
15. **tic** **fan** **tas** _____
16. **ing** **hap** **pen** _____
17. **day** **yes** **ter** _____
18. **ber** **No** **vem** _____

Challenge: Find a long word in a book you are reading. Write it in chunks:

Chunk It! — Answers

1. understanding	un-der-stand-ing	4
2. fantastic	fan-tas-tic	3
3. remember	re-mem-ber	3
4. butterfly	but-ter-fly	3
5. watermelon	wa-ter-mel-on	4
6. invitation	in-vi-ta-tion	4
7. helicopter	hel-i-cop-ter	4
8. important	im-por-tant	3
9. dinosaur	di-no-saur	3
10. unhappily	un-hap-pi-ly	4

11. pumpkin**12. basket****13. rabbit****14. picnic****15. fantastic****16. happening****17. yesterday****18. November**

Note: dictionaries sometimes split a word a little differently (hel-i-cop-ter or he-li-cop-ter). Accept any split that keeps each chunk readable and has the right number of chunks.