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good windy rainy interesting

bad sunny hairy incredible

hot funny heavy electronic

cold foreign cloudy serious

tall hungry pretty dangerous

short correct little incorrect

old famous nervous expensive

young angry friendly amazing

fun boring lucky exciting

hard easy ugly beautiful

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What's your favorite subject?

I love	Science		easy.
I like	History	because it's	interesting.
I don't like	P.E.		boring.
I hate	Geography		hard.

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Basic Adjectives Syllables

Pronunciation is a lot of fun to teach and one great thing to focus on is syllables. English is often mispronounced by students who aren't familiar with its rhythms and having the right number of beats in a word is where all that wonderful rhythm comes from. It's also a big help when changing the forms of adjectives for comparison.

Using the Worksheet

1. Introduce what syllables are. This is where you get to use your own creativity. You can clap, beatbox, do straight drills or anything to get the idea across.

Make sure you have clear examples for different numbers of syllables.

2. Students work in pairs or groups of three and practice sounding out the words together to try finding the number of syllables. Students should say the words over and over again and try clapping as they say the words. As they work, they should write the number of syllables next to each word.

I've included two versions of the first page, one where they are organized for the students and one where they are mixed up.

3. Make sure most students understand the meanings of the words.

EX: disgusting - mime eating or drinking something, make a face and stick out your tongue.

This tastes disgusting.

This smells disgusting.

This looks disgusting.

4. Use them in the follow up drill: I like ABC because it's XYZ.
Start a conversation based on that topic.

Note: LOOK OUT for the word interesting. It is sometimes pronounced with three syllables (sounds like in-tress-ting) or four syllables, (in-ter-es-ting.)