Nōmen_____   Diēs_____
Dividing and Accenting Words

> *Trying hard to divide a new word*
> *Keep in mind what you've already heard*
> *With consonants, be mean!*
> *Divide before or between*
> *And most of your fears will be cured.*

Dividing words into syllables is simple and logical. Use the poem to help you remember the most important rules—you always divide <u>before</u> a single consonant or <u>between</u> two consonants. You also divide between two vowels. The few exceptions are reviewed below.

TWO SYLLABLES

The accent on words with two syllables ALWAYS falls on the first syllable, which is also the next to last (penultimate) syllable.

Divide the following words into two syllables, between the vowel and the consonant, between two vowels, or a vowel and a dipthong (ae, au). Place an accent above the first syllable. The first one is done for you.

nō´|men	loquī	meum	clārē
crētā	audīs	ego	meae
fīnem	hōrae	īre	lege
licet	plaude	quaesō	quaere
prīma	scrībe	semel	tacē

Divide the following words into two syllables, between two consonants, unless you have -br-, -tr-, -cl-, -cr-, -ph-, -qu-, etc., (they naturally stay together). Then you divide between the vowel and the pair. Place an accent above the first syllable.

fus´|te	arcā	librum	ante
ōrdō	tardus	rubrō	quārtus
sextus	mēnsa	pēnsum	pennās
quīnque	quīntus	spectā	tempus

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1) Is the accent ever on the last syllable? NEVER.
2) Is the next to last syllable have a long vowel?
       yes – ACCENT IT!
       no – go to question #3
3) Is the next to the last syllable followed by two consonants?
       yes – ACCENT IT!
       no – move to the syllable **before** the next to last syllable and ACCENT IT!

THREE SYLLABLES

Accent on the next to last (penultimate) syllable.

Divide the following words into three syllables based on the rules you used above. Put the accent on the next to last syllable if the vowel in that syllable is long or if it is followed by two consonants.

con|clā´|ve	facisne	habēsne	latrīnam
lēgātus	libellōs	minūtae	necesse
nōlīte	terisne	quaerisne	sēcrētum
secundus	spectāsne	spīrālem	tacēte
auscultā	timēre	tribūnus	venīre

Accent on the syllable before the next to last (antepenultimate) syllable.

Divide the following words into three syllables based on the rules you used above. Put the accent on the *syllable before the next to last syllable* if the vowel in next to last syllable is *short* and *not* followed by two consonants.

am´|bu|lā	tabulam	currere	graphidem
facere	faciō	ferculō	habeō
iānuam	loquere	nōmina	terere
scrībite	spongiam	tangere	tempore
tertia	tesseram	tinniā	facite

MORE THAN THREE SYLLABLES

The accent will either be on the next to last (penultimate) syllable or the syllable before the next to last (antepenultimate) syllable. Never on the last, and never anywhere else in the word.

Divide the following words into syllables and put the accent on the appropriate syllable.

a|gen|dō´|rum	centuriōnēs	computātrum	contubernālibus
exacūtōrem	faciendum	hodiernus	hōrologium
incipite	intellegisne	labōrāte	manēbimus
perfēcistīne	praeparātiōnem	renūntiā	revenīre
significat	susurrāre	tintinnābulum	vocābula

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1) Is the accent ever on the last syllable? NEVER.
2) Is the next to last syllable have a long vowel?
       yes – ACCENT IT!
       no – go to question #3
3) Is the next to the last syllable followed by two consonants?
       yes – ACCENT IT!
       no – move to the syllable **before** the next to last syllable and ACCENT IT!