

## Rules of Syllabication for Spanish

1. V-CV (or V-CV) This means a single consonant sound between two vowels always starts the next syllable:

**o-so, ma-no, o-la, o-ro, re-ve-la-do**

Letter combinations **ch, ll,** and **rr** are DIGRAPHS or pairs of letters that represent only one sound and are therefore not separated: **ha-cha, ca-lle, pe-rro**

(compare to English ch, ck, ph, sh, th)

2. V-CCV The first possibility of two adjoining consonants between vowels or at the beginning of a word is a syllable-initial CLUSTER as long as they are one of the following 12 groups: **pl, pr, bl, br, tr, dr, cl** (/k/ in sound), **cr** (/kr/ in sound), **gl, gr, fl, fr**.

Note that the second consonant in these clusters is always /l/ or /r/

pl	pla-ya, a-pli-car	cl	cli-ma, bu-cle
pr	pro-bar, o-pri-mir	cr	cre-ma, la-cre
bl	blan-co, do-ble	gl	glo-ria, i-gle-sia
br	bri-sa, a-bre	gr	gris, a-grio
tr	tres, o-tro	fl	flor, chi-fla-do
dr	dra-ma, la-drar	fr	frí-o, co-fre