

Pronunciation

The work on this page needs to be done in pairs or small groups. There is no need to write any answers.

Before starting, read and discuss the notes in the section on pronunciation in the part of the dictionary called *Notes on the use of the dictionary*.

- 1 Taking turns, say each of the following words aloud, whilst your partner checks in the dictionary that you have pronounced it correctly.

cough anaesthetic plait pneumonia

queue grotesque wound *noun* xylophone

Words can be divided into *syllables*, i.e. pieces of sound. The dictionary separates syllables by a hyphen when it gives help with pronunciation:

odyssey (*say od-iss-ee*) **chrysalis** (*say kriss-a-liss*)

- 2 How many syllables has each of the following words?

tough inquisitive thorough throughout impertinent