# Syllable Sort

**DIRECTIONS:** Match each word in the word box to a definition below. Use the number of syllables in parentheses next to each definition for a clue. Write the word on the line.

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1. (3) female head of a family  
2. (3) eats both plants and animals  
3. (4) not operating at maximum capability  
4. (2) having or showing no skill  
5. (3) a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country  
6. (4) to increase speed  
7. (4) to light up  
8. (4) the flying or operating of aircraft  
9. (3) the class of organisms that includes spiders and scorpions.  
10. (4) the legislative body of a country or state  
11. (4) afraid of tight spaces  
12. (6) a scientist who studies fossils.  

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