Chapter 10, exercise A

A People differ in their judgments of the number of syllables that there are in the following words. Ask several people (if possible, include some children) to say these words and then tell you how many syllables there are in each of them. Try to explain, for each word, why people may differ in their judgments, even if the people you ask are all in agreement.

laboratory ________________________________
spasm ________________________________
oven ________________________________
prisoner ________________________________
million ________________________________
merrier ________________________________
feral ________________________________