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## ***What Did You Say?***

When great detectives (like the Boxcar Children) are working on a case, they sometimes have to give each other secret information. What better way to keep a secret secret than by using this special language?

**Here's what you do:**

Divide any word into syllables.

**Example**

Box · car

Say the first syllable without the first consonant.

ox

Attach the consonant to the end of the first syllable, and add the sound *eeda*.

ox · beeda

Now do the same thing with the second syllable.

ar · ceeda

So the word “boxcar” would be *oxbeeda-arceeda*.

If the syllable begins with a vowel, just add *eeda* to the end of the syllable. If the word is a one-letter word, just add *eeda* to the end of the word.

Now, you try and figure out what this secret message says:

Ooheeda-ayreedaa! Ouyeeda igfeeda-uredeeda iteeda outeeda!