

Mole exercises

Stress Pattern	Number of Syllables	Primary Stress
MOLE	1	first

Suggested exercises

1. Beginners often have trouble grasping the **concept** of a mole. Sometimes an analogy to another noun meaning a number of a specific kind of item can be helpful. Can you think of any good analogies?



Useful words

a dozen eggs
a dozen donuts
a ream of paper (500 sheets)
a pair of socks



2. The word mole has two homophones that distract beginners from learning its technical meaning in chemistry. One meaning is a small burrowing, insectivorous mammal that creates tunnels near the surfaces of lawns; the National Mole Day idea for high school students in Australia uses a mole as a mascot. Another meaning is a spy inside the opposing country's own spy agency (figuratively underground, burrowing like the animal mole). A third meaning is a dark spot on the skin, sometimes also called a "beauty mark" when it is attractively placed on the face. You might be able to make a joke using these homophones.



not an animal
not a spy
not a dark spot
a unit of **measurement**
a count of the number of atoms or molecules
the mass of that number of atoms or molecules, in grams

