

DISSECT

D = **D**iscover the context.

Indomitable is used by Countee Cullen's "To the swimmer" as follows:
"My heart goes out to you of dauntless courage and spirit indomitable,
And though my lips would speak, my spirit forbids me to ask,
'Is your heart as true as your arm?'"

so

"My heart goes out to you of dauntless courage and spirit _____,
And though my lips would speak, my spirit forbids me to ask,
'Is your heart as true as your arm?'"

I = **I**solate the prefix.

indomitable's prefix = in

so

in / domitable

S = **S**eparate the suffix.

indomitable's suffix = able

so

in / domit / able

S = **S**ay the stem.

domit

E = **E**xamine the stem.

Follow the **Rules of twos and threes**:

Rule 1: If a stem, or any part of a stem, **begins with a vowel**, separate the first two letters and pronounce, or if the stem **begins with a consonant**, separate the first three letters from the rest of the stem and pronounce them. **dom**

- Once the first two or three letters are separated from the stem, the application of the rules of twos or threes is repeated until the

end of the stem is reached. **it**

- Then pronounces the stem by saying the separated parts.
- If the stem can be read, the prefix and suffix are added, and read the whole word. **in dom it able = indomitable**

Rule 2: **If cannot use rule 1**, then use rule 2 by isolating the first letter of the stem.

- Then try to apply rule 1 again.

Rule 3: Use rule 3 **when two different vowels appear together** in a word with either rule 1 or rule 2. Pronounce both vowels sounds.

- If that does not sound correct, make one vowel sound at a time until it does sound correct.

C = **C**heck with someone.

T = **T**ry the dictionary.