Rules for Syllabifying/Syllabification

1. One vowel/diphthong = one syllable. [So, the number of vowels = the number of syllables.]

ἀκηκόαμεν =5 vowels

ἀ / κη / κό / α / μεν   =5 syllables

2. Single consonant by itself goes with following vowel. [Exception: final consonants go with preceding vowel.]

ἐθεασάμεθα   =6 vowels

ἐ / θε / α / σά / με / θα =6 syllables

3. Two consecutive vowels (but not a diphthong) are divided; = two syllables.

ἐθεασάμεθα   =6 vowels

ἐθε / ασάμεθα   =6 syllables

4. Consonant cluster that CAN NOT be pronounced together must be divided; the *first* consonant of the cluster goes with the preceding vowel.

ἔμπροσθεν   =3 vowels

ἔμ / προ / σθεν   =3 syllables

5. Consonant cluster that CAN be pronounced together goes with the following vowel. [Note: μ and ν *can* be pronounced in a cluster if they are the 2nd letter.]

Χριστός

Χρι / στός

πνεῦμα

πνεῦ / μα

6. Double consonants are divided.

ἄγγελος

ἄγ / γελος

βάλλω

βάλ / λω

7. Compound words are divided where the two words are joined.

ἐκβάλλω

ἐκ / βάλ / λω