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SYLLABICATION: a·vail·a·ble

PRONUNCIATION:  e-vā'le-bəl

ADJECTIVE: **1.** Present and ready for use; at hand; accessible: *kept a fire extinguisher available at all times.* **2.** Capable of being gotten; obtainable: *a bedspread available in three colors.* **3.** Qualified and willing to be of service or assistance: *a list of available candidates; was not available for comment.* **4a. Chemistry** Capable of being used in a chemical reaction: *available electrons.* **b. Botany** Present, as in soil, and capable of being used by plants as a nutrient: *available water; available minerals.* **5. Archaic a.** Capable of bringing about a beneficial result or effect. **b. Law** Valid. Used especially of a plea.

OTHER FORMS: **a·vail'a·bil'i·ty, a·vail'a·ble·ness** —NOUN
a·vail'a·bly —ADVERB

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