

Closed Syllable

- 1 This syllable can only have **one vowel**.
- 2 The vowel is followed by **one** or **more consonants** (closed in).
- 3 The vowel sound is **short**, marked with a breve (˘).
- 4 This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make **multisyllabic** words.

Examples

up hat ship last

Mark-up Sample

lăst
c

Vowel-Consonant-e Syllable

- 1 This syllable has a **vowel**, then a **consonant**, then an **e**.
- 2 The first vowel has a **long** sound, marked with a macron (ˉ).
- 3 The **e** is silent.
- 4 This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make **multisyllabic** words.

Examples

bike ape stove

Mark-up Sample

stōve
v-e

Open Syllable

- 1 This syllable has only **one vowel** which is the last letter in the syllable.
- 2 The vowel sound is **long**, marked with a macron (ˉ).
- 3 This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make **multisyllabic** words.

Examples

I be shy hi

Mark-up Sample

hī
o

Consonant-le Syllable

- 1 This syllable has only three letters: a **consonant**, an **l**, and an **e**.
- 2 The **e** is silent. It is the vowel. Every syllable needs at least one vowel. The consonant and the **l** are sounded like a blend.
- 3 This syllable must be the last syllable in a **multi-syllabic** word.

Examples

cradle little bubble

Mark-up Sample

bub ble
-le

R-Controlled Syllable

- 1 This syllable contains a single vowel followed by an **r** (**ar**, **er**, **ir**, **or**, **ur**).
- 2 The vowel is neither **long** nor **short**; it is controlled by the **r**.
- 3 This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make **multisyllabic** words.

Examples

start fir hurt art

Mark-up Sample

art
r

Double Vowel - "D" Syllable

- 1 This syllable contains a **vowel digraph** or a **diphthong**. These are vowel teams.
- 2 This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make **multisyllabic** words.

Vowel Digraph: Two vowels together that represent one sound (**ee**).

Diphthong: A sound that begins with one vowel sound and glides into another (**oi**).

Examples

beat feel eight new

Mark-up Sample

new
d



Mark My Words

Underline digraph

shop bath duck 

Star the bonus letters

ball puff fill kiss 

Box the welded sounds

ball hall fall ring pink 

Underline baseword, circle suffix

bugs hills cans 

Underline each sound in a blend

flash stump  scrap

Mark closed syllable

cat elf 
c c

Mark vowel-consonant-e syllable

bake stone 
v-e v-e



Vowel Teams

