



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

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 **multisyllabic** word.

EXAMPLES

cradle little bubble

MARK-UP SAMPLE

bub ble
-le

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

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

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

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