



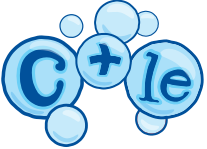






7 Types of Syllables

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Syllable Types	Description	Sound/Example	Exceptions
1. Closed 	<p>This syllable has one vowel that is followed by one or more consonants. The vowel is "closed in" by the consonant(s) following it.</p>	<p>The vowel sound is short and can be marked by putting a breve above the vowel.</p> <p>că t</p>	<p>Unit syllables appear closed, but are not because they say a unique sound. See the syllable division rules guide for a list of units. (ing, ang, ong, ung, etc.)</p>
2. Open 	<p>This syllable ends with a single vowel.</p>	<p>The vowel sound is long and can be marked by putting a macron above the vowel.</p> <p>t r̄y</p>	
3. Unit 	<p>This syllable contains three or four letters that say a unique sound. Basic units look like closed syllables, except they can't be sounded out. The letters in a unit syllable are often referred to as <i>glued</i>, <i>welded</i>, or <i>sticky</i>.</p>	<p>Units make an unusual sound and need to be memorized. See the syllable division rule guide for a list of units.</p> <p>Mark units by putting a box around them. This indicates that they can't be split apart.</p> <p>h o n k</p>	<p>Some units end in silent e and are called silent e units.</p> <p>i v e = /iv/ a g e = /ij/</p>
4. Silent E 	<p>This syllable contains a single vowel, a consonant, then the letter e.</p>	<p>The first vowel has a long sound, the silent e is quiet.</p> <p>Mark the first vowel by putting a macron above the vowel.</p> <p>g r̄ā p e</p>	<p>There are several reasons for silent e. Some silent e syllables may have a vowel, two consonants then the letter e. This vowel may not be long, but is still a silent e syllable. Others have the silent e (VCE) pattern with a short vowel.</p> <p>b u l g e l o v e</p>
5. Consonant + le 	<p>This type of syllable has three letters: one consonant, one L, and one e.</p>	<p>The consonant and the L are blended. The e is silent. This is always the last syllable in a multi-syllable word.</p> <p>b u b / b l e c a / b l e</p>	
6. Vowel Team 	<p>This syllable has two vowels next to each other that say one vowel sound.</p>	<p>The vowel sound will be long. Mark the vowels by putting a macron above the vowels.</p> <p>t r eā t b l ū e</p>	<p>When two vowels next to each other say a new sound, they are a diphthong and can be considered an advanced vowel team syllable.</p> <p>b o y = oy says /oi/</p>
7. Bossy R 	<p>This syllable contains one or two vowels followed by a single letter r. The r sound is more prominent and takes over the sound of the vowel.</p>	<p>Vowel sounds will be different when followed by an r.</p> <p>corn = or car = ar fir = ir</p>	<p>If there is an r after two vowels, this is a bossy r syllable, not a vowel team syllable.</p> <p>e a r</p>