

6 syllable types

Closed syllable

- A closed syllable has a single vowel with a consonant straight after it. The vowel makes a short sound.

• cat sun at pot pet hit

Open syllable

- An open syllable has a single vowel without a consonant at the end. The vowel makes a long vowel sound.

• he hi she my be so

Magic 'e'

- A magic 'e' syllable has an 'e' at the end of the syllable and the vowel in the middle makes its long vowel sound.

• bake time bone cube ate

Vowel Team/ Dipthong

- A vowel team syllable has two vowels next to each other that work together to make one vowel sound.

• pie float seed eat train

R- controlled

- An r-controlled syllable has a single vowel followed by the letter 'r'. The single sound made by the vowel and 'r' together is controlled by the 'r'.

• car bird fort her hurt

Consonant-le

- A consonant -le syllable is usually found at the end of a two syllable word and has a consonant followed by the letters -le.

• cir/cle sta/ple bub/ble mid/dle lit/tle

What is a syllable?

A syllable is a unit of spoken language, often considered a "beat" or "chunk" of a word, that contains a single vowel sound and optional surrounding consonants. Words are made of one or more syllables, and breaking them down can help with spelling and rhythm.

Vowels: a e i o u

(Y -is referred to as a semi-vowel because it can be a vowel or a consonant sound)