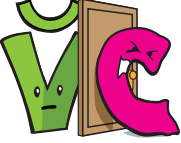










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Syllable Types	Pattern & Sound	Example
	1 vowel, closed at the end = Short Vowel	Că t
	1 vowel, open at the end = Long Vowel	Hē
	3 ("sticky") letters = weird sound	H on k
	Vowel, Consonant, Silent E = Long sound (usually)	Grā pē
	2 vowels, 1 sound = Long Sound	Blūē
	Consonant + le	B u b blē
	Vowel + R = Bossy R sound	Sh ark



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1. Closed 	This syllable has one vowel that is followed by one or more consonants. The vowel is "closed in" by the consonant(s) following it.	The vowel sound is short and can be marked by putting a breve above the vowel. că t	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.)
2. Open 	This syllable ends with a single vowel.	The vowel sound is long and can be marked by putting a macron above the vowel. t r̄y	
3. Unit 	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> .	Units make an unusual sound and need to be memorized. See the syllable division rule guide for a list of units. Mark units by putting a box around them. This indicates that they can't be split apart. h o n k	Some units end in silent e and are called silent e units. i v e = /iv/ a g e = /ij/
4. Silent E 	This syllable contains a single vowel, a consonant, then the letter e.	The first vowel has a long sound, the silent e is quiet. Mark the first vowel by putting a macron above the vowel. g r̄ā p e	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. b u l g e l o v e
5. Consonant + le 	This type of syllable has three letters: one consonant, one L, and one e.	The consonant and the L are blended. The e is silent. This is always the last syllable in a multi-syllable word. b u b / b l e c a / b l e	
6. Vowel Team 	This syllable has two vowels next to each other that say one vowel sound.	The vowel sound will be long. Mark the vowels by putting a macron above the vowels. t r̄ e ā t b l i ū e	When two vowels next to each other say a new sound, they are a diphthong and can be considered an advanced vowel team syllable. b o y = oy says /oi/
7. Bossy R 	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.	Vowel sounds will be different when followed by an r. corn = or car = ar fir = ir	If there is an r after two vowels, this is a bossy r syllable, not a vowel team syllable. e a r