

Introduction to Syllable Types

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Activity:

1. Teach children that there are 6 syllable types, and they can be used to help them figure out how to pronounce big words.
2. Use the Lesson slides here to introduce the concepts.
 - Open & Closed can be taught together.
 - Final Stable should be taught separately.
 - R-Controlled, VCe, and Vowel Team can be taught together or separately.
3. Use the syllable word cards as examples.

What is a vowel?

- A vowel is a sound made by sending air out of the mouth without closing your mouth or moving the parts of your mouth.



What is a vowel?

- All vowel sounds are voiced, which means you can feel the vibration of your vocal cords if you touch your hand to your throat.

a e i o u



What is a vowel?

- The two main types of vowel sounds are often called short vowels and long vowels.
- These terms can be confusing because we can't hear any difference in the actual length of the vowel sounds.
 - Another name for short vowels is lax.
 - Another name for long vowels is tense.

a e i o u

What is a vowel?

A good way to remember the short vowel sounds is saying the following sentence:

Făt Ěd ĩs nŏt ŭp.

All the vowel sounds in this sentence are short (or lax) sounds.

The mark that signifies a short vowel is called a breve.

What is a vowel?

To remember the long (tense) vowel sounds, just think of each letter's name:

ā ē ī ō ū

The mark that signifies a long vowel sound is called a macron.

What is a consonant?

- A consonant is a sound made by moving part of the mouth to touch another, such as the lips, tongue, or teeth.



What is a consonant?

- Consonant sounds can be voiced or unvoiced.
- Say each sound, and touch your hand to your throat to see if these consonant sounds are voiced or unvoiced...

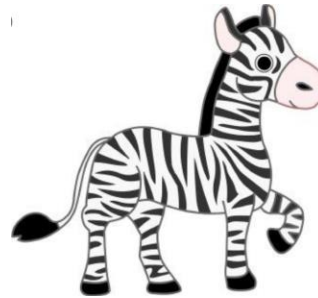
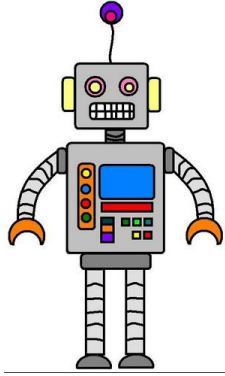


m s k g t v

What is a syllable?

- **A syllable is a word or a part of a word with one vowel sound.**
- A syllable can be pushed out in one breath. Your chin will usually drop slightly as you say each syllable in a word.
- Say the word for each picture and count the syllables.

How many syllables?



Closed Syllables

- A closed syllable can only have one vowel.
- The vowel is followed by one or more consonants.
- The vowel sound is short.

hop kick fast

Open Syllables

- An open syllable has only one vowel.
- The vowel is the last letter in the syllable.
- The vowel sound is long.

hi

go

she

hi

m

go

t

she

d

Let's read some bigger words with open and closed syllables...



Final Stable Syllables

- A final stable syllable is just that...
 - **Final:** It must be the last syllable of a word.
 - **Stable:** It is always pronounced the same way.

Final Stable Syllables

One common final stable syllable is the Consonant-le pattern:

bugle

candle

noble

fumble

bubble

puzzle

Final Stable Syllables

Other final stable syllables include -tion, -sion, -ture, -cian, -cious, -tious.

nation

capture

session

precious

musician

infectious

Other Syllable Types

There are 3 other syllable types:

- R-Controlled
- Vowel-Consonant-e
- Vowel Team

Other Syllable Types

You have already learned how to read little words with these patterns.

- R-Controlled: fur, stir, corn
- Vowel-Consonant-e: kite, lake, vote
- Vowel Team: read, sheep, float

Other Syllable Types

If you see one of these patterns as a syllable in a big word, the same rules usually apply.

- R-Controlled: marker, fortune, burden
- Vowel-Consonant-e: reptilee, mistakee
- Vowel Team: maintain, steamboat, power

R-Controlled Syllables

- Has one vowel followed by an r.
- The vowel is not long or short.
- The vowel is controlled by the r.

fur horn starter

Vowel-Consonant-e Syllables

- Has a vowel, a consonant, then an e.
- The first vowel has a long sound.
- The e is silent.

ride cape mistake

note Pete reptile

Vowel Team Syllables

- A vowel with another letter or letters that makes a vowel sound.
 - Vowel digraph
 - Diphthong
 - Vowel teams with consonant letters

Vowel Team Syllables

- Vowel digraph: two vowels together that make one sound

sail green maintain

read float rainbow

Vowel Team Syllables

- Diphthong: two vowels together that begins with one vowel sound and glides into another

soil clown enjoy

boy found downtown

Vowel Team Syllables

- Vowel teams with consonant letters (gh)

high

taught

ought

straighten

eight

nightlight

Multisyllable Word Practice

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Let's read some 2-syllable words...

