

Common Syllable Patterns

Syllable Patterns	Examples
<p>1. A closed syllable ends in at least one consonant; the vowel is short.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pan • shot • magnet
<p>2. An open syllable ends in one vowel; the vowel is long.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • so • tiger • he
<p>3. A vowel-consonant-e syllable ends in one vowel, one consonant and a final e. The final e is silent and the vowel is long. (It is helpful for many students to learn this pattern because of its frequency in many one-syllable words.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make • pipe • shine
<p>4. A vowel-r syllable has an r after the vowel; the vowel makes an unexpected sound. (Vowels that are followed by r do not make their common long or short sound.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • car • dirt • turtle
<p>5. A vowel pair syllable has two adjacent vowels. Each vowel pair syllable must be learned individually. (The generalization <i>when two vowels go walking</i> is only reliable approximately half of the time.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sail • boat • feet • moon • boy
<p>6. A final stable syllable has a consonant-l-e combination or a nonphonetic but reliable unit such as -tion. The accent usually falls on the syllable before the final syllable. Final stable syllables have unexpected but reliable pronunciations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • puzzle • bubble • candle • contraction • picture

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