

What is a syllable?

A syllable is a part of a word with only one vowel sound.

- A syllable may be only one letter (if the letter is a vowel).
- A syllable may be one small word.
- A syllable may be part of a longer word.

Why is it  
important to learn  
about syllables?

- To become a better reader
- To become a better speller

# Closed Syllable

C

(ex: rab bit)

- Only one vowel
- Ends with a consonant
- Usually has a short vowel sound

Open Syllable

O

(ex: mo ment)

- Only one vowel
- Ends with a vowel
- Usually has a long vowel sound



Vowel-Consonant-

e Syllable

VCe

(ex: com pete)

- Two vowels
- Ends with a silent e
- The silent e at the end makes the vowel before it have a long sound.

Vowel Team

Syllable

VT

(ex: ex plain)

- Two vowels together make one sound

OR

- A vowel and consonant(s) together make one sound (ex: ow, igh)

# R-Controlled Syllable

R-C

(ex: re start)

- One or more vowels
- The vowel(s) is followed by an r
- The r makes the vowel(s) before it have a unique sound.

Consonant-le

Syllable

Cle

(ex: ta ble)

- Only one vowel (e)
- Made up of a consonant followed by the letters le
- Comes at the end of a word