

The Six Syllable Types

Closed Syllables

- One vowel (typically short)
 - Ends in a consonant
- Examples: clap, tip, rat, graph, pic·nic

Vowel Consonant -e Syllables

- Long vowel
- Silent /e/
- Examples: cape, kite, cove, tube, drive, pan·cake

R-Controlled Syllables

- A single vowel followed by an /r/
- The vowel before the /r/ is neither long nor short
- Examples: car, her, firm, born, churn

Open Syllables

- Ends in a vowel
- The vowel sound is long
- Examples: hi, she, he, si·lent

Vowel Team Syllables

- Vowel Digraph: two vowels that make one sound, such as **ee** in beet.
- Vowel Diphthong: one vowel sound glides into another, such as **oi** in toil.
 - Vowel teams: not made up of all vowels, such as **igh** in light.
 - Examples: train, heat, paw, key, coin, toe, blew

Consonant -le Syllables

- Have a **consonant**, an **l**, and an **e** (there can be an added /s/ at the end).
 - The **e** is silent.
- The syllable is the last syllable in a multisyllabic word.
 - Examples: ap·ple, spar·kle, lit·tle, snug·gle

*Multisyllabic words can be combinations of different syllable types.