

# The Six Syllable Types

	<h3>Closed</h3> <p>A <b>Closed syllable</b> ends in a consonant. The vowel has a short vowel sound, as in the word <i>bat</i>. On the syllable tag, the closed door represents a closed syllable because the consonant “closes in” the vowel.</p>	First taught in <b>Level 1</b> <b>Lesson 48</b>
	<h3>Open</h3> <p>An <b>Open syllable</b> ends in a vowel. The vowel has a long vowel sound, as in the first syllable of <i>apron</i>. On the syllable tag, the open door represents an open syllable. In an open syllable, there is nothing after the vowel. The vowel is “open.”</p>	First taught in <b>Level 1</b> <b>Lesson 48</b>
	<h3>Name Game</h3> <p>A <b>Name Game</b>, or VCE, syllable is typically found at the end of a word. The final <u>e</u> is silent and makes the previous vowel long, as in the word <i>name</i>. On the syllable tag, the vowel and Silent E are at a party. Silent E asks the vowel what its name is, and the vowel says its name.</p>	First taught in <b>Level 2</b> <b>Lesson 15</b>
	<h3>Vowel Team</h3> <p>A <b>Vowel Team</b> syllable has two vowels next to each other that together say a new sound, as in the word <i>south</i>. On the syllable tag, the team of horses represents a Vowel Team syllable. Just as a team of horses works together, vowel teams work together to make one sound.</p>	First taught in <b>Level 2</b> <b>Lesson 25</b>
	<h3>Bossy R</h3> <p>A <b>Bossy R</b> syllable contains a vowel followed by the letter <u>r</u>. The <u>r</u> controls the vowel and changes the way it is pronounced, as in the word <i>car</i>. On the syllable tag, the <u>r</u> looks bossy and is making all the vowels follow him. The <u>r</u> is a strong letter that controls the vowel sounds.</p>	First taught in <b>Level 2</b> <b>Lesson 31</b>
	<h3>Pickle</h3> <p>A <b>Pickle</b> syllable contains three letters: Consonant + <u>l</u> + <u>e</u>. Examples include the second syllable in the words <i>handle</i>, <i>puzzle</i>, and <i>middle</i>. The second syllable in the word <i>pickle</i> is a memorable example of this syllable type.</p>	First taught in <b>Level 3</b> <b>Lessons</b> <b>8 and 10</b>