

The Six Syllable Types in English



Syllable Type	Description & how to make	Examples
Closed Syllables	One vowel followed by consonants, short vowel sound	cat, ham, web, dish
Open Syllables	Ends in a vowel, mostly a long vowel sound	he, go, no, she
Vowel-Consonant-e (VCe)	Vowel followed by consonant and silent 'e'	cake, stripe, note, mule
Consonant-l-e (Cle)	At word's end, consonant followed by 'le'	table, simple, little, bubble
R-Controlled Syllables	Vowel followed by 'r', changes vowel sound	car, star, her, bird
Vowel Team Syllables	Two adjacent vowels make a single sound	boat, team, rain, meet
Diphthong Syllables	Two vowels in one syllable create a glide	boil, coin, loud, house