

Six Syllable Patterns

Closed Syllable has one vowel and ends with a consonant.

The vowel sound is short.

VC = it

CVC = hen

CCVC = that

CVCC = jump

CCVCC = sloth

Silent-e Syllable has one vowel followed by a consonant and a silent *e*.

The vowel sound is long. (count back 3)

VCe = ice

CVCe = cute

CCVCe = shone

(CVCCe = bathe)

Note: *e* is very rare as the vowel in a Silent-*e* Syllable

Open Syllable ends with one vowel.

The vowel sound is long.

V = I

CV = go

CCV = she

Vowel Team Syllable has two or more vowels that make one sound.

Vowel sound varies. Refer to Vowel Team chart.

Vowel-r Syllable has one or more vowels followed by an *r*.

The *r* changes the sound of the vowel.

ar = /ar/

or = /or/

er, ir, ur = /er/

ar after *w* = /or/

or after *w* = /er/

ar and *or* as suffixes = /er/

Consonant /e Syllable has one or more consonants followed by *le*.

Although the *e* is silent, the *le* make the /ul/ sound.

juggle: *-gle* = /gul/

bubble: *-ble* = /bul/

fizzle: *-zle* = /zul/

* castle: *-stle* = /sul/

The Six Syllable Patterns apply to accented syllables. Any vowel in an unaccented syllable says /uh/ (schwa) as in duh. (*i* can also have a reduced short *i* sound.)