



## How English Works

Description	Your Notes
Vowels and consonants	
Resolve confusion of <b> <d> <p> <q>	
Syllable definition	
Closed syllable definition	
Sounds of <y>	
<b>Consonant Blends</b> Beginning blends: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, sw, tw, scr, spl, spr, str, squ Ending blends: ct, ft, lt, pt, nt, st, xt, lf, lk, lp, ld, mp, sk, sp st	
Exceptions to the closed syllable rule: all, ank, ink, ing, old, ild, ind	
The two sounds of <s>	
Base, prefix, and suffix	
When to use suffix <es> instead of <s>	
consonant digraphs <ch> <sh> <wh> <ph> and <th>	

<tch> rule	
<f> <l> <s> <z> doubling rule	
<ck> rule	
Sounds of <c> and <g>	
1-1-1 doubling rule	
sounds of 'ed'	
schwa in closed and open multisyllable words on <a> <e> <i>	
Introduction to open syllable	
<y> at end of one syllable open syllable words	
<y> at end of multisyllable words	
Adding suffixes to multisyllable open and closed syl, words 'ed' and 'ing' (2-1-1 rule).	
Adding suffixes to words ending in <y>	
Schwa in open syllables	

Introduction to the v-c-e syllable	
The two jobs of <e> in vce	
Adding suffix 'ing' and "ed' to vce words	
Adding suffixes that begin with consonant to vce words	
Introduction to the vowel team syllable type	
Vowel team <ai> <ay> <ee> <ea> <ey> <oa> <ow> <oe> <ue>	
Adding suffixes to vowel teams (ing, ed, s, ful, less, er, est, ment, ness, and y).	
Adding prefixes	
Introduction to the vowel diphthong syllable type	
Vowel diphthong <au> <aw> <oi> <oy> <oo> (book, boo) <ou> (out, you), <ow>, <ie> <ew> <ea>	
Adding suffixes to vowel diphthongs (ing, ed, s, ful, less, er, est, ment, ness, and y).	
Adding prefixes	
Introduction to the R-controlled syllable type	

R-controlled <ar> <or> <er> <ir> <ur>	
Exceptions – <ar> and <or> at the end of multisyllable words	
Adding suffix endings to R-controlled syllables	
Exceptions - “vowel + rr”	
Exception – “para”	
Introduction to consonant-le syllable type	
Doubling the consonant before the -le	
Adding suffix endings to the consonant-le syllable	
Exception “-stle”	

## CLOSED SYLLABLE



Definition

When a syllable has  
1 vowel  
followed by 1 or more consonants  
then the vowel sound is short

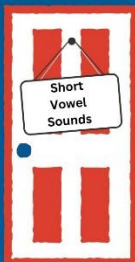
up  
vc

cat  
cvc

list  
cvcc

clip  
ccvc

Short  
Vowel  
Sounds



## OPEN SYLLABLE



Definition

When a syllable has  
1 vowel  
that is at the end of the word  
then the vowel sound is long

no  
cv

we  
vc

me  
cv

pro  
ccv

Long  
Vowel  
Sounds



## VCE SYLLABLE



Definition

When a syllable has  
1 vowel  
followed by 1 consonant and an 'e'  
then the 'e' is silent



ate  
cve

ice  
cve

Pete  
cvce

home  
cvce

fume  
cvce

Long Vowel  
and  
Silent <e>



## VOWEL TEAM SYLLABLE

Definition

When a syllable has  
2 vowels together (side by side),  
then the first vowel is long and the  
second vowel is silent

"When 2 vowels go walking, the first  
one does the talking."



aim  
vvc

see  
cvv

boat  
cvvc

pie  
cvv

hue  
cvv

Long Vowel  
and  
Silent Vowel



## VOWEL DIPHTHONGS

Definition

When a syllable has  
2 vowels (side by side) and they make a new sound.

"Two vowels go walking and make a brand new sound."

<b>au</b> fault, sauce	<b>aw</b> saw, raw	<b>ow</b> now, crown
<b>oi</b> oil, join	<b>oy</b> toy, boy	<b>ie</b> piece, field
<b>oo</b> cook, look	<b>oo</b> too, shoot	<b>ew</b> new, dew
		<b>ea</b> great, break



## CONSONANT-le SYLLABLE

Definition

When a syllable has  
a consonant followed by the letters 'le'  
the 'e' is silent  
(it is there to be the vowel in the syllable)  
and it needs another syllable type before it

<b>puzzle</b> closed + cle	<b>able</b> open + cle	<b>beetle</b> vt + cle	<b>noodle</b> vd + cle	<b>sparkle</b> r-con + cle
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New  
Vowel  
Sound

