

Common Syllable Patterns *(Complete the chart filling in the Comments)*

Pattern	Generalization	Examples	Comments
Closed VC CVC CCVC CVCC CCVCC CCCVCC	One vowel followed by a consonant. The vowel will be short. Divide after the consonant.	land top stump less splash fantastic	
Silent e (magic e)	–VCE pattern (one vowel, followed by one consonant, followed by a silent e that ends the syllable)	plane tide use chime theme ape stroke hope	
Open	Has only one vowel that is the last letter of the syllable.	he, she, we, no, go, flu, by, spy	This syllable type becomes especially useful as children progress to two-syllable words. For example, the <i>ti</i> in <i>title</i> , <i>lo</i> in <i>lotion</i> , and <i>ra</i> in <i>raven</i> are all open syllables.

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Vowel combination (vowel team)	Has a vowel pattern in it (e.g., <i>ay, ai, aw, all, ie, igh, ow, ee, ea</i>).	stay, plain, straw, fall, pie, piece, night, grow, cow	
Vowel <i>r</i> (bossy <i>r</i> , <i>r</i> -controlled)	Has only one vowel followed immediately by an (<i>ar, er, ir, or, ur</i>).	ark, charm, her, herd, stir, born, fork, urn	
Compound	Divide between the two words in a compound word	back/pack lamp/shade bed/room work/book	To be a true compound word, each of the smaller words must carry meaning. This is a strong generalization for students to learn for reading and comprehension of vocabulary.
VCCV	VC /CV Divide between the two consonants	or/bit ig/loo tun/nel lan/tern	
-CLE	Word ends in consonant-le syllable, always divide right before the -CLE	ma/ple stum/ble i/dle nee/dle gig/gle	Some programs call this a final stable syllable -CLE

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-VCV (Vowel- consonant - vowel)	First divide before the consonant and sounding out. If it does not result in a recognizable word - try dividing after	hu/mid mu/sic go/pher plan/et com/et meth/od	
Patterns	Generalization	Examples	Comments
Prefix	Divide immediately after the prefix	pre/view mis/trust un/wise re/mind	
Suffix	Divide the word immediately before the suffix	glad/ly sad/ness care/less hope/ful state/ment na/ture frac/ture	