

## Open and Closed Syllables: VCCV, VCV

### Generalization:

The syllable break in words with the **VCCV** spelling pattern occurs between the two and double consonants (sur-vive, ap-pear). In words with the **VCV** spelling pattern, a consonant between two vowels tends to go with the second vowel unless the first vowel is accented and short (open syllable: bro-ken; closed syllable: wag-on).

<b>VCCV</b> two consonants	<b>VCCV</b> double consonants	<b>VCV</b> open syllable	<b>VCV</b> closed syllable
until	funny	acre	robin
fancy	pretty	finer	never
melon	happen	rider	limit
expert	pillar	either	level
cursor	mirror	nature	vanish
cactus	tissue	feature	natural
rescue	essay	declare	prophet
crayon	cellar	respect	column
certain	giggle	believe	gravity
athlete	gossip	trophy	saxophone
chapter	appeal	chosen	benefit
husband	commit	teacher	heritage
compass	terrace	student	literal
costume	quarrel	moment	shrivel
welcome	vaccine	because	nicotine
consume	raccoon	between	negative
complain	mattress	vacancy	sedentary
daughter	announce	crochet	rhetoric
condemn	moccasin	enough	secular
membrane	suffrage	beyond	
pungent	scaffold		