

Eastside Literacy Tutor Support
Student Handout - **Syllable Types**

Examples	Syllable Type and Description
cat chop trip jump crush	<u>Closed Syllable</u> This type of syllable has only one vowel, and ends with at least one consonant. Short vowel sound
l he try so apron	<u>Open Syllable</u> This type of syllable ends with a single vowel, or IS a single vowel. Long vowel sound
home ape like smoke	<u>V-C-E Syllable</u> This type of syllable has a vowel, followed by a consonant, followed by “e”. The first vowel is long, and the final e is silent.
table thimble shuttle little dribble	<u>L-E Syllable</u> This type of syllable has a consonant followed by “le”, and occurs at the end of a word. The e is silent so only the consonant and “l” are heard.
first car nurse worth worker	<u>R-controlled Syllable</u> This type of syllable has a vowel combined with the letter “r”. The vowel is neither short nor long and is either like “er” “or” or “ar”.
street moon boat bean head great	<u>Double-Vowel Syllable</u> This type of syllable has two vowels side-by-side. The vowel combination may have one of several different sounds (as in the last three examples).

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