

Open vs Closed Syllables

The quick test: does the syllable end in a consonant or a vowel?

Closed syllable

short vowel, ends in a consonant

Examples: cat, rab-bit, nap-kin, mag-net

Open syllable

long vowel, ends in the vowel itself

Examples: hi, ba-by, ti-ger, mu-sic

VCV — try open first

one consonant between two vowels

Examples: ti-ger (long i sound)

VCV — but check the word

not every VCV splits the same way

Examples: pa-per (open) vs. lem-on (closed)