1. Has only one vowel
2. Vowel is followed by one or more consonants
3. Vowel is short & marked with a breve
4. This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make multisyllabic words

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OPEN syllable

1. Has only one vowel which is the last letter in the syllable
2. Vowel sound is long marked with a macron
3. This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make multisyllabic words
R-CONTROLLED syllable

1. Contains a single vowel followed by an ‘r’ (ar, er, ir, or, ur)
2. Vowel is neither long or short; it is controlled by the ‘r’
3. This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make multisyllabic words

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Vowel-Consonant-E syllable

1. Has a vowel, then a consonant, then an ‘e’
2. First vowel has a long sound, marked with a macron
3. The ‘e’ is silent
4. This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make multisyllabic words
VOWEL TEAM

1. Has a vowel digraph or diphthong (vowel teams)
2. This syllable can be combined with other syllables to make multisyllabic words

Digraph: Two vowels together that represent one sound (ea)
Diphthong: Sound that begins with one vowel sounds and glides into another (oi)
CONSONANT-LE syllable

1. Has only three letters: a consonant, an ‘l’, and an ‘e’
2. The ‘e’ is silent and is the vowel. The consonant and the ‘l’ are sounded like a blend
3. This must be the last syllable in a multisyllabic word