

# Syllable Sort

## Directions

1. Remind your child that a **syllable** is a word part with a vowel in it. Usually, a word has as many syllables as it has vowels. **Vowels** are a, e, i, o, u. The other letters (like b, c, d, f) are **consonants**.
  - **Cat** has one syllable.
  - **Picnic** has two syllables (pic-nic).
  - **Yesterday** has three syllables (yes-ter-day).
2. Remind your child that there are different syllable types using this table.

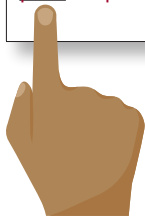
Syllable Type	Description	Example Words
<b>Open</b>	A syllable ending with a vowel sound that is spelled with a single vowel letter (a, e, i, o, or u).	me <u>pro</u> -gram <u>mu</u> -sic
<b>Closed</b>	A syllable ending in one or more consonants and a short vowel sound spelled with one vowel.	hat dish <u>bas</u> -ket
<b>VCe</b>	V stands for vowel, C stands for consonant, and e is the silent e at the end of a syllable or word. A syllable pattern that ends in silent e, which makes the vowel before it a long sound (say its name).	stripe shine bake
<b>Vowel Team</b>	A syllable that has multiple letters spelling the vowel sound.	tooth pain <u>train</u> -er <u>neigh</u> bor
<b>Vowel-r</b>	A syllable that has at least one vowel followed by an r. The r always comes directly after the vowel (ar, er, ir, or, ur).	corn bird <u>mar</u> -ket

3. Cut apart header cards and place face up in a row.
4. Cut apart word cards and place face down in a stack.
5. Ask your child to:
  - Select the top card from the stack and read it. Help your child break the word into smaller parts to read, as needed.

participate

- Identify the syllable type of the underlined syllable.

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"Vowel-r syllable."

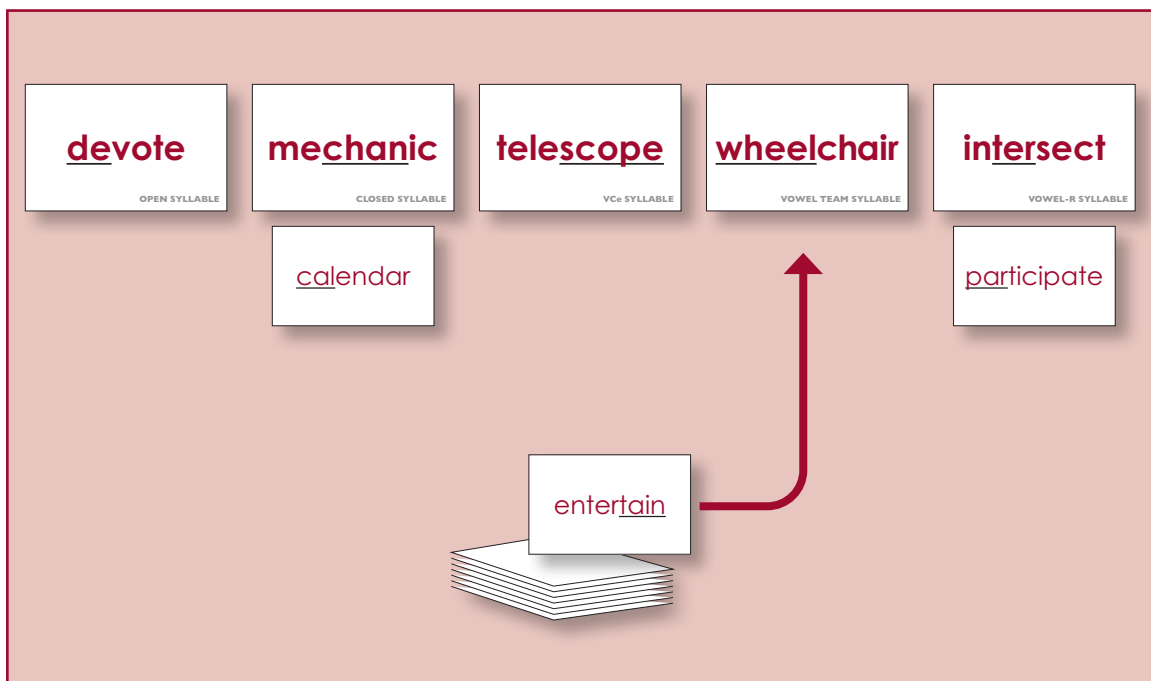
- Place the word card in the column under the matching syllable type.

**intersect**  
VOWEL-R SYLLABLE

participate

- Continue until all cards are sorted. For extra practice, have your child point to and read the words in each column.
- Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.

## Example



## Key

<b>devote</b> (open syllable)	<b>mechanic</b> (closed syllable)	<b>telescope</b> (VCe syllable)	<b>wheelchair</b> (vowel team syllable)	<b>intersect</b> (vowel-r syllable)
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header cards



devote

OPEN SYLLABLE

mechanic

CLOSED SYLLABLE

telescope

VCe SYLLABLE

wheelchair

VOWEL TEAM SYLLABLE

intersect

VOWEL-R SYLLABLE



detergent

absolute

imitation

identity

calendar


magnify

chemical

forgetful

microphone

trademark



<u>l</u> imelight	illu <u>s</u> trate
ent <u>e</u> rtain	<u>s</u> peaker
disa <u>g</u> reed	<u>b</u> eautiful
<u>p</u> articipate	passen <u>g</u> er
fa <u>v</u> orite	<u>s</u> urgery