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# Types of Syllables

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**Open syllables** end in one vowel. The vowel says its name.

**Closed-in syllables** have one vowel and end in a consonant. The vowel says its short sound.

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**Silent e syllables** have one vowel followed by one consonant, followed by e. The vowel says its name.

1. Underline the vowels in the following words. Look at the syllables. Decide which sort of syllable they are, and then write each syllable under the correct heading below. The first syllables have been placed for you.

fa – tal      re – tire      ar – rive      re – late      in – trude  
 pri – vate      si – lent      e – ven      stu – pid      com – plete

Ends with a Vowel: Open Syllable	Vowel Closed In by a Consonant: Closed-in Syllable	Last Syllable of the Word, Ends in e: Silent e Syllable
fa	tal	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Use a word from above to complete each sentence.
- a. The child did not say anything. He was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Two is an \_\_\_\_\_ number.
  - c. I wish to \_\_\_\_\_ from work at sixty years of age.
  - d. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ late for the funeral service.
  - e. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your work and then hand it in to me.

# Charting “r” Words



When *r* follows one vowel, together they make one sound.

- **er** → *hammer* (sound: /ur/)
- **ir** → *bird*: (sound: /ur/)
- **ur** → *church*: (sound: /ur/)
- **ar** → *cart*: (sound: /ar/)
- **or** → *fork*: (sound: /or/)

Underline the vowels that have *r* after them. Then look, say, listen, cover, write, and check, putting the words into the correct list.

church	card	her	smart	bird	hurt
cork	turn	term	thorn	burn	skirt
form	bark	north	fern	born	dart
mark	herb	sharp	herd	short	birth
third	flirt	churn	perm	burst	first

er	ir	ur	or	ar