

Digraphs & Unusual Consonants

Consonant Digraphs	
ch	ph
ck	sh
gh	th
ng	wh

Complex Consonants
dge
tch

Silent Letters	
gn	mb
kn	wr

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6 Syllable Types

Closed

CvC

sim

- 1 vowel letter followed by 1 or more consonants.
- Vowel sound is short.

Silent-e

vCe

nabe

- 1 vowel letter, 1 consonant, and a final silent-e.
- Vowel sound is long.

Open

_Cv

fi

- 1 vowel letter followed by no consonants.
- Vowel sound is long.

Vowel Team

Cvvc

glalp

- 2 or more letters side by side that are pronounced as 1 vowel sound.
- Vowel sound is long, short, or other.

Consonant-le

_Cle

ible

- 1 consonant plus the letter / and the vowel letter e.
- Vowel sound is /aI/.

Vowel-r

vr

zerg

- 1 vowel letter followed by the consonant r.
- Vowel sound is affected by the r.

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Consonant Blends

Beginning Blends							
bl-	cl-	dr-	fl-	gl-	pl-	sc-	sp-
br-	cr-		fr-	gr-	pr-	scr-	spl-
						sk-	spr-
						sl-	st-
						sm-	str-
						sn-	sw-

Ending Blends							
-ct	-ft	-ld	-lp	-mp	-nd	-pt	-sk
		-lf	-lf		-nk		-sp
		-lk			-nt		-st

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Syllable Division Rules

Simple

When a word has 2 consonants between the vowel sounds, divide between the consonants.

pic | nic

Complex

When a word has more than 2 consonants between the vowel sounds, keep the blends and digraphs together when dividing.

con | struct

Other

When a word has 1 consonant between the vowel sounds, first try to divide after the vowel.

ra | ven

If it is not a word you know, then divide after the consonant.

rob | in

When a word has the consonant-le pattern, the consonant and the l-e stick together as 1 syllable.

pic | kle

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