

CLOSED SYLLABLES - the first of 6 kinds of syllables

- Ends in a consonant
- Consonant closes the vowel in
- Keeps the vowel sound short

Short vowels are marked above the letter with a smile mark

Short vowel cue words:

a as in apple

i as in igloo

o wide open mouth for a doctor to see a sore throat

u as in umbrella

e as in elephant or egg

Division patterns:

VC/CV - vc cv
com bat

VC/CCV - vc ccv
ad dress

Steps for dividing closed syllable words:

1. mark the vowels with the short vowel marker
2. divide between the consonants
3. when three consonants exist between the vowels,
keep blends (tr, bl, nd) and digraphs (sh, th, ch) together

Examples:

dentist

hundred

fantastic