Closed syllable words: one syllable

A closed syllable has **one vowel**, and a consonant after it **closes the door**. The vowel usually says its short sound: cat, fish, jump. Start at the top and read across.

kindergarten — One vowel, one closed door

a, i, o, e, u

Vowel first: at in up on it if ox us

ă short a			ĭ short i			ŏ short o			ĕ short e			ŭ short u		
cat	hat	map	pig	big	dig	hot	pot	mop	bed	red	web	sun	bug	cup
nap	bat	rat	sit	lip	zip	top	box	fox	jet	net	wet	nut	rug	bus
sad	tap	pat	six	hid	kit	dot	hop	nod	set	let	vet	mud	hug	tub
cab	lap		mix	wig	bib	pod	cot	rod	yes	pet	wed	cub	gum	run
						job			fed			fun	hut	pup

end of K / 1st — Two letters, one sound

still one vowel, still closed

sh, ch, th	ship shop fish dish wish shed cash rush chin chip chop much rich bath math path moth thin with
ck at the end	duck sock rock kick neck back pack luck chick thick sick lock deck
double letters	bell hill doll mess kiss puff buzz fizz well miss less cuff tell fill egg add off

1st grade — With blends

more consonants, still one closed syllable

blend at the start frog, stop	frog crab drum flag sled stop swim spin clap trip plum snap grin flat glad step spot slip brick black dress grass class click truck trash fresh flash brush clock snack smell block drop skip
blend at the end hand, jump	hand jump milk nest lamp desk tent belt gift pond list best sand lift fast help raft lunch bench chest shelf melt mask went just
blends at both ends stamp	stamp plant crust blend crisp twist stump trust print grand blast crept
three at the start split	split strap scrub splash sprint strict struck

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Two-syllable closed syllable words

Each of these words has two closed syllables and two short vowels. The dot shows where the word splits. Cut along the dashed lines for flash cards.

Compound words two small words in one

hot•dog

lunch•box

sun•set

back•pack

bath•tub

Split between the consonants two consonants in the middle, split between them

pic•nic

in•sect

wom•bat

traf•fic

zig•zag

How to read a long word

1. **Spot and dot:** put a dot under each vowel. Two dots, two parts.
2. Split **between the consonants** in the middle. Keep sh, ch, th and ck together.
3. Read each part with a **short vowel**.
4. **Blend** the parts, then check it's a real word.

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Closed Syllable Words

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Open door or closed door? cut out the 12 cards and sort them

Open: the vowel ends the syllable and says its name (go). **Closed:** a consonant shuts the door and the vowel turns short (got).

got	me	hit	no	shed	we
go	met	she	not	hi	wet

Open door
ends with a vowel

Closed door
a consonant after the vowel

Split it draw a line to split each word, read each part, then read the whole word

laptop hilltop cobweb uphill chopstick

plastic attic fabric nutmeg tidbit

When the second vowel goes lazy

rab·bit nap·kin bas·ket kit·ten

but·ton mag·net muf·fin

The second part often relaxes to a quick "uh". Read each part with a short vowel, blend, then fix it to the word you know.

Rule breakers closed, but watch the vowel

kind wild child old colt most

child / chil·dren most / lost

The top row says the vowel's name: learn them as they are. In each pair, the second word is short.

Read it out loud

1. The bobcat hid in the sandbox.
2. Dad got a hotdog in a bun.
3. We had a picnic on the hilltop.
4. Six insects sat on the backpack.
5. Tom did a handstand in the sand.
6. The wombat had a fantastic lunchbox.

Answer key. Open: go, no, hi, me, we, she. Closed: got, not, hit, met, wet, shed. Split it: lap·top, hill·top, cob·web, up·hill, chop·stick, plas·tic, at·tic, fab·ric, nut·meg, tid·bit.

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