

Instructional Animation

English Scripts

What is a Closed Syllable?

Today we will learn about **closed syllables**.

One of the first parts or types of words in English is known as a closed syllable.

We can recognize closed syllables in English words if we pay close attention.

A **closed syllable** is a syllable that has only one **vowel** letter, followed by one or more **consonant** letters.

A **closed syllable** is a word that is closed.

If the syllable is closed, it means it ends with **consonant** letters. **Closed syllables** can be simple words like **big, map, wish, mask, ox**.

Or they can be more complicated words like **watch, strap, tempt, itch**

All of these **syllables** follow the same pattern or structure. They only have one **vowel** letter followed by one or more **consonant** letters

The **vowel**, in these words, are all alone, not next to another and they are followed by **consonant** letters.

One important thing to remember when reading words that are **closed syllables** is that the **vowel** letter in those words will almost always make a **short vowel** sound.

Remember, pay close attention to the end of words. If they are **consonant** letters, then that word has a **closed syllable**.

It doesn't matter if it's **one consonant** or a group of **consonant** letters.

If they are at the end of the word, you can be sure that word has a **closed syllable**.