

Instructional Animation

English Scripts

Open Syllables

Today we are going to be learning about a new syllable type, an **open syllable**.

Say it with me, **open syllable**.

Before we learn about **open syllables**, let's review the **closed syllable**. You already learned that a **closed syllable**, is when we see one vowel followed by one or more **consonant** letters. We know that if we see a **closed syllable** the **vowel** sound or **phoneme** is always short (in other language first then repeated in English)short. Let's look at the word **shed**. **Shed** is a **closed syllable**. It has one **vowel** letter followed by one or more **consonant** letters. When we read a **closed syllable**

The vowel sound is going to be short (in other language first then repeated in English)short. Let's read this **closed syllable**. The short vowel sound for the vowel **E** is **/e/**. **/Sh/-/e-/d/**. **Shed**. I read the **closed syllable shed**.

Now let's talk about another syllable type, an **open syllable**. In an **open syllable**, the **syllable** is open because it ends with a **vowel** letter. When we read an **open syllable**, that vowel letter at the end will almost always make a long (in other language first then repeated in English)long vowel sound. The **long vowel** sound for the letter **E** is **/EEE/**.

Let's sound out the word **She**. This **open syllable** is the word **she**. Remember if the **syllable** ends in a **vowel** it is open (in other language first then repeated in English)open. When you are reading and you see an **open syllable** if the **vowel** is at the end it will almost always make a **long vowel** sound. Now you know what an **open syllable** is and how to read it.