

# Open and Closed Syllable and Sort

## Directions

1. Remind your child that a **syllable** is a word part with a vowel in it. Usually, a word has as many syllables as it has vowels. **Vowels** are a, e, i, o, u. The other letters (like b, c, d, f) are **consonants**.
  - **Cat** has one syllable.
  - **Picnic** has two syllables (pic-nic).
  - **Yesterday** has three syllables (yes-ter-day).
2. For this activity, practice sorting words with open and closed syllable patterns.
  - An **open syllable** ends with a vowel sound that is spelled with a single vowel letter (a, e, i, o, or u). Examples include me, e/qual, pro/gram, mu/sic.
  - A **closed syllable** has a short vowel ending in a consonant. Examples include hat, dish, bas/ket.
3. Cut out the two headers cards (**she**, **flat**). Place the two header cards face up in a row on a flat surface.
4. Cut out the word cards, shuffle, and place them in a stack.
5. Ask your child to select a word card from the top of the stack, read the word, and identify whether the word has an open or closed syllable pattern (for example, "Tennis, closed syllable.").
6. Ask your child to place the word card under the matching header card. Words with closed syllables go under the header card, **flat**. Words with open syllables go under the header card, **she**.
7. Repeat for each word in the stack.
8. Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.

## Key

she (open syllable pattern)	flat (closed syllable pattern)
wifi	witness
zero	bobbin
no	grand
he	suffix
hero	tennis
me	camp
be	picnic
	happen



she

OPEN SYLLABLE

flat

CLOSED SYLLABLE

header cards

word cards



witness

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wifi

zero

no

he

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