

Map and Swoop Vowel Team Syllable Pattern

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 the vowel team syllable pattern. A vowel team syllable pattern has multiple letters spelling the vowel sound. Examples include **threw**, **train**/er, **boat**/ing.
3. Give your child the vowel team syllable pattern activity sheet. Ask your child to:
 - Read the word.

sleep

- Map the word (spell the word by writing one letter sound per box). When two letters make one sound, put both letters in one box.

s	l	ee	p
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- Underline the vowel teams (for example, **ea**, **ai**) in the word.

s	l	<u>ee</u>	p
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- Swoop the syllables (draw a u shape under each syllable).

s	l	<u>ee</u>	p
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4. Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.

Key

Word	Vowel Team Syllables									
sleep	s	l	ee	p						
dream	d	r	ea	m						
railroad	r	ai	l	r	oa	d				
cookbook	c	oo	k	b	oo	k				
count	c	ou	n	t						
feet	f	ee	t							
rainbow	r	ai	n	b	ow					
maintain	m	ai	n	t	ai	n				
load	l	oa	d							
stood	s	t	oo	d						
meadow	m	ea	d	ow						

