

# Open and Closed Syllable Patterns

An open pattern is a syllable that ends with a vowel. The vowel in an open syllable is usually long.

V CV

c r a / t e r

d i / n e r

l e / g a l

A closed pattern is a syllable that ends with a consonant. The vowel in a closed syllable is often short.

VC CV

num / b e r

mag / n e t

den / t i s t

Not all syllables that divide between two consonants have closed syllables with short sounds.

tur / t l e

mer / m a i d

won / d e r