

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

cra/ter

di/ner

le/gal

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

V C CV

num/ber

ma g/net

den/tist

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

tur/tle

mer/maid

won/der