

C

L

O

V

E

R

## Closed

## -CLE

## Open

Multi-Letter  
Vowels

## Silent E's

## R Controlled

The vowel is **usual-ly** short in a closed syllable.

hap pen  
let ter  
lit ter  
top ing  
jump ing

**8** I and O may say I and O before two consonants.

bold ness  
child ish

The broad sound may also be heard after a W and before two LL's.

want  
ball  
pull

**12.4** Every syllable must have a written vowel.\*

ta ble  
med dle  
rid dle  
bot tle  
rum ble

\*LOE does not teach the -CLE syllable type but joins it with Silent E's. This also then explains words such as acre where the E is needed for the syllable. And the Commonwealth spellings of centre, theatre...

**4** A E O U **usually** say their names at the end of the syllable.\*

fa mous  
be fore  
o pen  
u nit

**5** I and Y may say /i/ or /i/ at the end of the syllable.

cli nic  
li on  
phy sic al  
ty po

**6** When a one-syllable word ends in a single vowel Y it say /i/.

cry

**7** Y says long /ē/ only at the end of a multi-syllable word. I says long /ē/ at the end of a syllable that is followed by a vowel and at the end of foreign words.

ba by  
pi ano  
spaghetti

**10** When a word ends with the phonogram A, it says /ä/.

ma

\*Otherwise it says its broad sound.

ta

ai, au, augh, aw, ay, ea, ed, ee, ei, eigh, ew, ey, ie, igh, oa, oe, oi, oo, ou, ough, ow, oy, ui\*

\*Some programs teach this as a vowel team, which leaves augh, aw, eigh... as exceptions. Also all the sounds made by the phonogram are an option. Some programs limit this type to long sounds, which generates countless unnecessary exceptions.

**12.1** The vowel says its name because the E.

cape  
pho neme  
pipe  
bone  
cute

**12.2** English words do not end in V or U.

have  
blue

**12.3** The C says /s/ and the G says /j/ because of the E.

voice  
large

**12.5** Add an E to keep singular words that end in S from looking plural.

house

**12.6** Add an E to make the word look bigger.

are

**12.7** TH says its voiced sound because of the E.

teethe

**12.8** Add an E to clarify meaning.

teas tease

**12.9** Unseen reason.

giraffe

er, ir, ur, ear, ar, or, our

en ter  
bird house  
hurt ful  
yearn ing  
part ner  
ma jor i ty  
jour nal