

Major Syllable Patterns

Major syllable patterns are listed in approximate order of difficulty.

Compound Words	sundown , someone
Inflectional <i>ing</i>	digging , singing
<i>Er</i> Syllables	bigger , better , batter , shopper , matter , brother
Closed Short-Vowel Syllables	napkin , picnic , address , hopping , summer
Open Long-Vowel Syllables	paper , prefix , tiger , solo , music
Final- <i>e</i> Long-Vowel Syllables	mistake , invite , locate , confuse
Vowel Digraphs	Long <i>a</i> - obtain , delay , neighbor Long <i>e</i> - freedom , teacher , neither , cookie Long <i>i</i> - brighten , Long <i>o</i> - toaster , elbow Long <i>u</i> - rescue , newer
Adjacent Vowel Syllables	quiet , ruin , poet , idea
<i>R</i> Vowels	/air/- prairie , aware , canary , wherefore /ar/- article , heartbeat , forest /er/- person , early , dollar , circle , worthy , courage , furnish /eer/- appear , pioneer , severe , frontier /ire/- require /or/- orbit , reward , detour , surely
Other Vowels	Long <i>oo</i> - loosen , improve , routine , canoe Short <i>oo</i> - wooden , cupful , couldn't , /aw/- awkward , audio , also /ow/- tower , county /oy/- royal , noisy
Initial Schwa- <i>a</i> Pattern	again , alike , ahead , across , about astonish
Advanced Patterns	ture- capture sure- treasure tion- action sion= /shun/ possession sion = /zhun/ conclusion cial - special cient - ancient cious - precious) tious (cautious)

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