



## Open syllable words

An open syllable ends with **one vowel**. Nothing comes after the vowel in that part of the word, so it usually says its **name**. The open part is in **bold**. Start at the top and read across.



**so**  
long o



**sob**  
short o



**we**  
long e



**web**  
short e



**no**  
long o



**nod**  
short o

### kindergarten

### Little open words a vowel at the end says its name

**ē** long e

**me he we be she**

**ō** long o

**go no so**

**ī** long i

**hi**

**ū** long u

**flu**

says "oo"

### 1st grade

### When y is the vowel y at the end of a short word says long i

y says "eye"

**my by why fly cry try dry sky shy spy fry**

### 1st or 2nd grade

### Two syllables, open first part the dot shows where the word splits

**ā** long a

**ba·by**

**pa·per**

**ba·con**

**ē** long e

**e·mu**

**me·ter**

**ī** long i

**ti·ger**

**pi·lot**

**spi·der**

**ō** long o

**ro·bot**

**o·pen**

**po·ny**

**ū** long u

**mu·sic**

says "yoo"

**tu·lip**

says "oo"

#### Cover it

Put a finger over the second part of a long word.

#### Try it long

Read the first part with the vowel's name: ro, ti, mu.

#### Add the rest

Blend the parts. Not a word? Try the vowel short.



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**Two-syllable open syllable words** by vowel; words with an r part (er, or, ar) come last in each row

**a** ba·by la·dy a·pron ba·con na·vy gra·vy la·bel ba·sic ba·sin la·zy ha·zy  
ra·ven ba·gel pa·per a·corn ba·ker wa·fer cra·ter ga·tor ra·dar ra·cer

**e** e·mu e·ven se·cret re·fill re·run re·play pre·school fe·ver me·ter ce·dar

**i** pi·lot ti·ny si·lent li·on i·tem i·vy i·cy ti·dy fi·nal si·ren bi·son gi·ant spi·ral  
li·lac ti·ger spi·der di·ver dri·ver vi·per

**o** o·pen po·ny ro·bot to·tal bo·nus do·nut fro·zen bro·ken to·ken o·val so·da  
co·bra o·pal ro·dent co·zy o·cean o·ver mo·tor clo·ver ro·ver po·lar so·lar

**u** mu·sic u·nit hu·man pu·pil ru·by tu·lip du·ty stu·dent du·et tu·na pu·ma  
pu·pa su·per tu·tor lu·nar u says "yoo" or "oo"

**y** py·thon hy·drant y says long i

**-le** ta·ble ca·ble ma·ple sta·ple la·dle ti·tle bu·gle cy·cle open, then a consonant-le part

**Both parts open**

ha·lo so·lo po·lo lo·go si·lo  
rhi·no ju·do su·mo to·fu yo·yo

**The open part comes last** first part closed

hip·po ban·jo man·go jum·bo  
bin·go tan·go men·u

**Try it long first** not a word? try it short

ro·bot ✓ ti·ger ✓  
ca·mel ✗ → cam·el ✓ le·mon ✗ → lem·on ✓

**The vowel doesn't say its name**

a·wake<sup>uh</sup> to·day<sup>uh</sup> be·gin<sup>ih</sup> do<sup>oo</sup>  
to<sup>oo</sup> the<sup>uh</sup> ski<sup>ee</sup> ta·co<sup>ah</sup>

**Read it out loud** every purple word has an open part that says its name

Hi! I am a **robot**.

We hid the **tuna** in the **silo**.

A **bison** and a **rhino** go to the **rodeo**.

The **tiny** pony is **so** cozy.

**Why** is the **sky** so dry?

**My** spider can **be** a **diver**.



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