Seven Types of Syllables

Syllable Type	Examples	Definition
Closed	<u>dap</u> -ple <u>hos</u> -tel <u>bev</u> -er-age	A syllable with a short vowel, spelled with a single vowel letter ending in one or more consonants.
Vowel-Consonant-e (VCe)	com- <u>pete</u> be- <u>have</u>	A syllable with a long vowel, spelled with one vowel + one consonant + silent e.
Open	<u>pro</u> -gram ta-ble <u>re</u> -cent	A syllable that ends with a long vowel sound, spelled with a single vowel letter. Solidary Sol
Vowel Team (including diphthongs)	<u>aw</u> -ful train-er con- <u>geal</u> spoil-age	Syllables with long or short vowel spellings that use two to four letters to spell the vowel. Diphthongs ou/ow and oi/oy are included in this category.
Vowel- r (r -controlled)	sh <u>ir</u> t con- <u>sort</u> <u>char-ter</u>	A syllable with er, ir, or, ar, or ur. Vowel pronunciation often changes before /r/.
Consonant-le (C-le)	drib- <u>ble</u> bea- <u>gle</u> lit- <u>tle</u>	An unaccented final syllable that contains a consonant before /l/, followed by a silent e .
Schwa syllables	Tel-e-phone pharm-a-cy na- <u>tion</u> cel-lo-phane	Unaccented syllables.