

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When I see ai or ay together, they make the long a sound.

A vowel team is two vowels that work together for one sound.

When I can find the vowel team and the long a sound, I know the syllable type.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Vowel Team Syllables

from “Why We Need Laws”

The vowel teams ai and ay both make the long a sound, as in say, way, and stay. Two vowels work together for one sound. This week we study long a vowel teams from "Why We Need Laws."

This deck teaches **syllable types** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a vowel team syllable."

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Notice the vowel team syllable.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

"With laws to guide what people **say and do."**

I CAN | I can notice a vowel team syllable and name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose a vowel team syllable."

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Choose the vowel team syllable.

Read the sentence. Which word is a vowel team syllable? Use the rule.

"So people gathered, searching for a **way**."

A people • **B** searching • **C** way

I CAN | I can choose the vowel team syllable and explain how I know.



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SHOW

“I can show how a vowel team syllable works.”

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Show the vowel team syllable.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

“To write fair rules that everyone would **obey.”**

I CAN | I can show the two vowels and the long a sound they make.



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OWN

“I can use the vowel team rule to read a longer word.”

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

fairway
fair / way

I CAN | I can use the vowel team rule to read a longer word.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has a vowel team."

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

"Strong voices won while quiet ones **stayed** brittle."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has a vowel team.



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Find a vowel team syllable on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one vowel team syllable. Copy the sentence and name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

Go back to the reading.

Find one vowel team syllable.

Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two vowels and the long a sound they make.

I CAN | I can find a vowel team syllable and prove it.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE say. Say has the vowel team ay. The two vowels a and y work together for the long a sound.

CHOOSE C. way. Way has the vowel team ay, which makes the long a sound. People has a consonant-le ending, and searching has an r-controlled vowel.

SHOW obey. Obey ends with the vowel team ey, which makes the long a sound. The two vowels work together for one sound.

OWN fair / way. Fair has the vowel team ai for the long a sound. Way has the vowel team ay for the long a sound. Both syllables are vowel team syllables.

DEFEND stayed. Stayed has the vowel team ay, which makes the long a sound. Adding -ed does not change the vowel team. A vowel team syllable has two vowels for one sound.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: day. Day has the vowel team ay. The two vowels work together for the long a sound.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“With laws to guide what people say and do. ... So people gathered, searching for a way. ... To write fair rules that everyone would obey.”

Which word from the poem has a vowel team that makes the long a sound?

A grew

B way

C guide

D true



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The answer is B.

A **grew**

Grew has the vowel team ew, which makes the oo sound, not the long a sound.

B **way Correct.**

Way has the vowel team ay. The two vowels a and y make the long a sound.

C **guide**

Guide is a VCe syllable. The silent e makes the i say its long name.

D **true**

True has the vowel team ue, which makes the oo sound, not the long a sound.

