

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) 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 two vowels together, they work as a team for one sound.

Vowel teams include ea, ee, ai, oa, ou, and ow.

When I can find the vowel team, I know the sound and can read the word.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Vowel Team Review

from “Dream”

A vowel team has two vowels working together for one sound. This week we review vowel teams from “Dream,” including ea in dream, ee in cheered, and ou in shoulder.

This deck teaches **vowel teams** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

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Introduce the Week

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“ ” = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is vowel team syllables. A vowel team syllable has two vowels that work together for one sound, as in team, dream, and cheered.”

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

“A vowel team has two vowels working together for one sound. This week we review vowel teams from “Dream,” including ea in dream, ee in cheered, and ou in shoulder.”

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

PREP & MATERIALS: the Vowel Team Review slide deck for Prepare Cluster Module 2 . a class or student copy of “Dream” . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one vowel team syllable from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the vowel team syllable pattern were different.

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 one sound they make.

"Then he began speaking about his **dream** for the future."

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

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Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice a vowel team syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the vowel team syllable in dream."

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: dream. Dream has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long e sound.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the vowel team syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the two vowels and the one sound they make. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a vowel team syllable? Look for the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the vowel team syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the vowel team syllable pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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.

"When the speech ended, people **cheered and hugged one another."**

A cheered • **B** hugged • **C** one

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

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Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a vowel team syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the vowel team syllable pattern."

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

ANSWER KEY: A. cheered. Cheered has the vowel team ee, which makes the long e sound. Hugged is a closed syllable, and one is a VCe pattern.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the two vowels and the one sound they make in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the two vowels and the one sound they make.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another vowel team syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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 one sound they make.

"Then Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stepped forward to speak."

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

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Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

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"Today's thinking job is SHOW. I can show how a vowel team syllable works."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"The bold word is speak. Name the two vowels and the one sound they make."

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

ANSWER KEY: speak. Speak has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long e sound.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the two vowels and the one sound they make in the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one vowel team syllable? Yes, a longer word can.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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 one sound they make.

shoulder
shoul / der

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

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Thursday · OWN · Advanced

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can use the vowel team rule to read a longer word."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Shoulder is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: shoul / der. Shoul has the vowel team ou, which makes the ow sound. Der is an r-controlled syllable.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in shoulder and its type.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

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

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the rule.

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

"Tears filled her eyes."

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

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Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is DEFEND. I can prove that a word has a vowel team."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"For tears, name the two vowels and the one sound they make and prove it."

▶ Have students write a because statement on the DEFEND row, then share two strong answers.

ANSWER KEY: tears. Tears has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long sound. A vowel team syllable has two vowels for one sound.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved tears follows the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the two vowels and the one sound they make. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern vowel team syllable? Yes, if it has the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT a vowel team syllable.

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 one sound they make.

Go back to the reading.
Find one vowel team syllable.
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two vowels and the one sound they make.

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

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Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

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“Now it is your turn to find a vowel team syllable on your own.”

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

“Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two vowels and the one sound they make.”

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

ANSWER KEY: speech. Speech has the vowel team ee. The two vowels work together for the long e sound.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the two vowels and the one sound they make together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the two vowels and the one sound they make.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is vowel team syllable and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE dream. Dream has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long e sound.

CHOOSE A. cheered. Cheered has the vowel team ee, which makes the long e sound. Hugged is a closed syllable, and one is a VCe pattern.

SHOW speak. Speak has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long e sound.

OWN shoul / der. Shoul has the vowel team ou, which makes the ow sound. Der is an r-controlled syllable.

DEFEND tears. Tears has the vowel team ea. The two vowels e and a work together for the long sound. A vowel team syllable has two vowels for one sound.

YOUR TURN speech. Speech has the vowel team ee. The two vowels work together for the long e sound.

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Review the Answers

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“Let's check our work across the five thinking levels.”

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

“If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern.”

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the two vowels and the one sound they make. Ask how and why for at least two answers.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Then he began speaking about his dream for the future. ... When the speech ended, people cheered. ... Tears filled her eyes.”

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

A hand

B face

C born

D dream

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Show What You Know

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“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment.”

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

“Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits.”

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: The answer is D.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the two vowels and the one sound they make.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

The answer is D.

A hand

Hand is a closed syllable. The a says its short sound.

B face

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

C born

Born is an r-controlled syllable. The vowel is changed by the r.

D dream Correct.

Dream has the vowel team ea. The two vowels work together for the long e sound.

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The Answer, and Why

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"The correct answer is D. The most important part is understanding why."

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using a vowel team syllable word and prove the rule.