

A11. Syllable structure of the English language

Aim: revise syllables and syllable parts: onset, nucleus, coda, open syllable, closed syllable, and clusters.

Activity 1. Analyze syllable structure.

Word	Syllables	Onset	Nucleus	Coda
cat				
tree				
student				
English				
phonology				

Activity 2. Divide into syllables.

Word	Syllable division	Stressed syllable
beautiful		
teacher		
communication		
classroom		
important		

Activity 3. Open or closed?

Word / syllable	Open or closed?	Reason
go		
cat		
tea		
desk		
play		

Activity 4. Cluster challenge.

Find words with these initial clusters: /tr/, /pl/, /st/, /skr/, /spl/. Then find words with final clusters: /-mp/, /-nd/, /-kst/, /-ld/.
