

THE SYLLABLE IN
ENGLISH
PRONUNCIATION



THE SYLLABLE :

How can define the Syllable:

IN GENERAL: The syllable is a unit of pronunciation having the vowel with or without surrounding consonants.

Ex / I/ai/. He/hi/. Is/is/

Phonetically speaking :The syllable are usually described as consisting of a center which has little or no **Obstruction** to air flow and which sound comparatively loud .

Phonologically speaking :the syllable can be vowels and consonants having different **Distribution** .

WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF SYLLABLE :

Minimum syllable : is a syllable consisting of one single vowel in isolation . ❖

Ex: “are” /a:/ “err” /ɜ:/ ❖

Some syllable have an ONSET (is that the consonant which comes initially) ❖

Ex : He /hi:/ Ki /ki:/ She /si:/ ❖

Some syllable have a CODA (is that consonant which comes finally). ❖

Ex : is/Iz/ ease /i:z/ ❖

Some syllable have both Onest and Coda . ❖

Ex: sit/sit/ fill/fil/ ❖



MORE INFORMATIONAL OF ONSET :

The structure of English Syllable

- **Onset :**

- a word may begin with a vowel. Any vowel except /ʊ/ (zero onset).

- It may begin with one consonant. Any consonant except /ŋ/ and /ʒ/.

- It may begin with two or more phonemes together. They are called consonant clusters.

Examples

- Some syllables have no onset but they have coda:

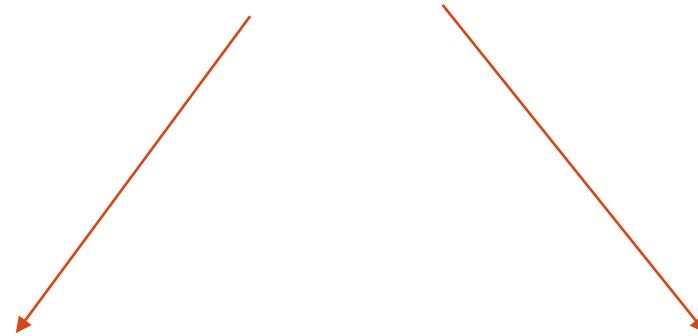
am /æm / ought / ɔ:t /

ease /i:z /

CONSONANT CLUSTER :

Consonant cluster (sequence) :When we have two or more consonant together .

Consonant cluster



Initial

Final



English syllable phonological structure:

The English syllable has this phonological structure:

**Pre initial + initial + post initial + *VOWEL*
+ pre-final + final + post final 1 + post
final 2 + post final 3**

Recently the vowel and coda are known as rhyme.

The rhyme is divided into peak and coda.

Initial Consonant Clusters

Initial two consonant clusters are
of 2 types

- -/ s/ followed by /t/ /m/ /w/
/j/
- - One of 15 consonants followed
by /l/ /r/ /w/ /j/ try quick
few play

Final consonant clusters:

It may end with **two consonants**:

- final consonant preceded by pre final
consonant **/m/ /n/ /l/ /s/ /ŋ /**

bump bent ask bank

- final consonant followed by post final
consonant

/s/ /z/ /t/ /d/ /θ /

bets beds backed bagged eighth

| cluster | word | transcription | cluster | word | transcription |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|
| /sm/ | <i>small</i> | /smɔl/ | /tr/ | <i>tree</i> | /tri/ |
| /sn/ | <i>snap</i> | /snæp/ | /kw/ | <i>queen</i> | /kwɪn/ |
| /st/ | <i>stay</i> | /steɪ/ | /kr/ | <i>cry</i> | /krai/ |
| /sw/ | <i>sweet</i> | /swit/ | /kl/ | <i>cloud</i> | /klaʊd/ |
| /sk/ | <i>sky</i> | /skai/ | /pr/ | <i>pram</i> | /præm/ |
| /sl/ | <i>slow</i> | /sləʊ/ | /fr/ | <i>free</i> | /fri/ |
| /sp/ | <i>spin</i> | /spɪn/ | /br/ | <i>bright</i> | /braɪt/ |
| /sf/ | <i>sphere</i> | /sfɪə/ | /gr/ | <i>green</i> | /grɪn/ |
| /θw/ | <i>thwart</i> | /θwɔt/ | /pl/ | <i>play</i> | /pleɪ/ |
| /dw/ | <i>dwelling</i> | /dwɛl/ | /fl/ | <i>fly</i> | /flai/ |
| /tw/ | <i>twig</i> | /twɪg/ | /bl/ | <i>blue</i> | /blu/ |
| /θr/ | <i>three</i> | /θri/ | /gl/ | <i>glow</i> | /gləʊ/ |
| /dr/ | <i>draw</i> | /drɔ/ | /ʃr/ | <i>shred</i> | /ʃrɛd/ |

FINAL CONSONANT CLUSTER :

| Word | | Pre final | Final | Post final 1 | Post final 2 |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Twelfth s | Twe | L | F | 0 | S |
| Prompts | Pr | M | P | T | S |
| Fifths | Fi | - | F | 0 | S |
| Next | Ne | - | K | S | T |



Examples

- ***tints***: /tɪnts/
- ***fifths***: /fɪfθs/
- ***sixths***: /sɪksθs/
- ***twelfths***: /twɛlfθs/
- ***strengths***: /strɛŋθs/

IN THE END ,I HOP YOU
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