

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 211: More Closed and Open

Syllables

Book: Coyote's Soundbite: A Poem for our

Planet by John Agard



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Foundational Skills

Understanding Syllables

Syllable: Word part with ONE vowel sound (aeiouy)

Closed Syllable: One vowel followed by one or more consonants
•Vowel usually makes short vowel

sound

Open Syllable: One vowel that is <u>not</u> followed by one or more consonants •Vowel usually makes long vowel

sound

Rules for Dividing Syllables

Every syllable has one vowel or vowel team.

- -Place a dot under each vowel
- -Underline any vowel teams,
- -Divide between two consonants

Try It

Use the rules for dividing syllables on the following words. Try segmenting an open syllable first. Say the word out loud. Does it sound like a word you know? Retry the syllable division using a closed syllable. Does it sound better this way?

limit

solar