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Closed syllables end in at least one consonant; the vowel is short.

Open syllables end in one vowel; the vowel is long.

Vowel-consonant-*e* syllables end in one vowel, one consonant, and a final *e*.

Vowel-*r* syllables have an *r* after the vowel.

Vowel pair syllables have two vowels next to each other.

Final stable syllables have a consonant-*l-e* combination or a single unit such as *tion*>. Final stable syllables have unexpected pronunciations, but each one is always pronounced the same way.

Examples:

- pan
- so
- make
- star
- sail
- puz-ZLE

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