Syllable type 3: Open syllables

By the time the student is learning open syllables, it may be possible to learn them together. Most students are familiar with the names of the letters, and the open syllables end with the sound of the letter name.

Here are some common error patterns which merit extra practice:

— CU is often misspelled Q or QU.

— DU often sounds like JOO, as in EDUCATE and “JOO eat?” for “Did you eat?”

— DO and TO are sometimes read as if they were the words, not the syllables.

— Review when c and g have different sounds.

— y has two common sounds with this pattern: long i and long e. Make a category list and teach them separately if they are troublesome.

— Some students will benefit from a spell list of words ending in Y such as “FUNNY.” Some students will want to spell these words with ‘e’ at the end.

— Now is a great time to overteach QUIET. Make it show up in dictations, in putting words together and wherever possible. Students often confuse QUIT, QUITE and QUIET in reading and spelling.

— The letter a often has a schwa sound at the beginning or end of a word (ABOUT, SODA). This may also need to become a special lesson of its own.

--- Some words can be pronounced as nouns or verbs (e.g., PROJECT) — the verb pronunciation has the open syllable.

Nonsense syllables with sample words

a (amen, able)

e (eject)

i (idol)

o (open)

u (ululate, using)

gli (glider)

cu (cucumber)

nu (numerous)

tri (tribal)

smo (osmosis)

cy (cycle)

ny (deny, any)

pla (Plato)

plu (Pluto)

yo (yodel)

sto (stolen)

pre (prevent)

we

quo (quotation)

pho (phobic)

re (reject)

ra (raven)

qua (quaver)

fru (frugal)

gi (giant)

cro (microphone)

tro (introduce)

bi (bicycle)

py (pylon)

ge (geography)

ma (maple)

twi (twilight)

qui (quiet)

stu (student)

du (duty, educate)

scra (scraping)

su (super)

mi (miser)

ba (basis)

ta (rotating, table)

pro (promote)

do (donate)

tru (truly)

hy (hyacinth)

po (potent, potato)

cre (cremate, create)

si (silent)

so (isolate)

mi (migrate)

Two syllable words with schwa

idol

oval

final

equal

total

fatal

human

tidal

legal

local

vocal

zonal

pagan

bagel

regal

evil

lethal

global

modal

nasal

pilot

spoken

broken

token

Romans

Four letter words

Eden

ibex

ibis

icon

item

omen

opus

omit

emit

open

duty

baby

holy

tiny

navy

solo

polo

halo

lady

lazy

puny

wily

wily

unit

even

amen

apex

veto

dodo gyro

hobo

judo

zebu

loco

logo

silo

typo

NATO

Reno

bony

cozy

hazy

nosy

poky

pony

posy

racy

rosy

ruby

tidy

wavy

zany

tutu

Zulu

Open syllables at the beginning of a word

Open, closed, and v-c-e syllables only

became

begin

began

beside

even

music

unite

unit

decide

produce

present

project

propose

result

promote

relax

moment

student

provide

belong

silent

locate

recent

decent

debate

elect

depend

digest

basic

quaking

focus

rodent

robot

hotel

eject

beyond

julep

lady

lazy

navy

polite

pony

protect

protest

recess

bonus

reduce

myself

lotus

gravy

precinct

frequent

crusade

phobic

bogus

cement

repel

tripod

refuse

propane

resist

vacate

edict

relate

preside

foment

rotate

halide

remote

cogent

agent

demand

repent

ego

aphid

emu

crocus

basin

mucus

latest

finest

reject

refine

supine

repose

locust

lucid

quahog

cider

raven

climax

humid

maven

obese

strident

recite

profane

demise

brocade

bromide

Yukon

tulip

Steven

latent

docent

brutish

refreshment

equipment

domestic

relocate

potato

republic

delinquent

recumbent

electric

demolish

romantic

utensil

repellant

remonstrate

ululate

rudiment

regency

romantic

presuppose

vehement

Real one-syllable words with open syllables

I

go

so

we

be

he

she

hi

sky

shy

pry

spry

sly

sty

my

ply

try

fly

fry

by

cry

dry

Open Syllable in the middle

Open, closed and v-c-e syllables only

customize

acrobat

incubate

impudent

daffodil

calculate

improvise

educate

kryptonite

advocate

comprehend

apprehend

occupy

compromise

impolite

renovate

absolute

populate

diploma

exponent

innocent

monument

speculate

somnolent

contriving

stimulate

obsolete

repossess

amputate

dehydrate

inhumane

innovate

misbehave

osculate

ovulate

simulate

undulate

tabulate

ungulate

represent

opulent

cenobite

communist

communism

crocodile

document

nebulize

imprecise

improvise

convolute

electrocute

dissolute

genotype

phenotype

prototype

cellulose

adjacent

complacent

proponent

component

covalent

decedent

eloquent

flatulent

imprudent

indolent

succulent

long a words long a words

Common words and words used in school settings, roughly organized from basic to advanced (but include special categories and exceptions)

baby

paper

table

nation

lady

major

radio

April

cable

label

data

fatal

apron

potato

tomato

bakery

vacation

hazy

favor

basic

basis

maple

staple

ladle

shaky

shaken

taken

forsaken

raven

gracious

spacious

patient

navel

bagel

capable

elevator

operator

refrigerator

application

compensation

destination

education

information

graduation

qualification

registration

congratulation

taxation

Asia

basin

vapor

glacier

labor

flavor

NATO

radius

ratio

slavery

crater

native

alien

acre

hazel

basin

adaptation

evaporation

plantation

population

vibration

multiplication

operation

vacancy

radiant

maniac

creation

creative

volcano

oasis

adjacent

complacent

cicada

equator

dictator

behavior

isolated

courageous

muckraker

patriot

spatial

apolitical

aphid

pagan

papacy

fracas

fragrant

Mediterranean

acculturation

adaptation

administration

application

approximation

automation

circulation

civilization

condensation

confederation

classification

constellation

cultivation

declaration

desalinization

discrimination

distillation

elevation

emancipation

emigration

federation

filtration

generation

gestation

immigration

inauguration

inflation

irrigation

insulation

intoxication

investigation

mutation

nomination

notation

organization

ossification

oxidation

pasteurization

pollination

precipitation

recreation

Reformation

regulation

relocation

reservation

respiration

rotation

saturation

segregation

sterilization

vaccination

vegetation

vocational

impatience

legislative

quantitative

qualitative

innovative

implacable

allocatable

biodegradable

blamable

debatable

inescapable

inflatable

-asion words

*many of these words are based on verbs that end in -ade such as evade and invade*

abrasion

dissuasion

evasion

invasion

occasion

persuasion

pervasion

-acious words

audacious

capacious

contumacious

efficacious

fallacious

gracious

loquacious

mendacious

perspicacious

pertinacious

predacious

pugnacious

rapacious

sagacious

salacious

spacious

tenacious

veracious

vivacious

voracious

-ation words

A

abbreviation

abdication

aberration

abjuration

abnegation

abomination

abrogation

acceleration

accentuation

acclamation

acclimation

acclimatization

accommodation

accreditation

acculturation

accumulation

accusation

acidification

acidulation

activation

actualization

actuation

adaptation

adjudication

adjuration

administration

admiration

adoration

adulation

adulteration

adumbration

aeration

affectation

affiliation

affirmation

agglutination

agglomeration

aggravation

aggregation

agitation

alienation

allegation

alleviation

alliteration

allocation

alphabetization

altercation

alternation

amalgamation

amelioration

Americanization

amortization

amplification

amputation

animation

annexation

annihilation

annotation

annunciation

appellation

application

appreciation

appropriation

approximation

approbation

arbitration

arrogation

articulation

asphyxiation

aspiration

assassination

assignation

assimilation

association

attenuation

attestation

augmentation

authentication

authorization

automation

aviation

avocationB

beatification

beautification

bifurcation

botheration

bowlderization

brutalization

C

calcification

calculation

calibration

canalization

cancellation

canonization

capitalization

capitulation

captivation

carbonation

carbonizationn

carnation

castigation

castration

categorization

causation

cauterization

cavitation

celebration

cementation

centralization

certification

cessation

characterization

chlorination

circulation

circumnavigation

citation

civilization

clarification

classification

coagulation

codification

cogitation

cohabitation

collaboration

collation

colonization

coloration

combination

commemoration

commendation

commercialization

commiseration

communication

communization

commutation

compartmentalization

compensation

compilation

complication

computation

computerization

concatenation

concentration

conciliation

condemnation

condensation

condonation

confabulation

confederation

configuration

confirmation

confiscation

conflagration

conformation

confrontation

conglomeration

congratulation\*

congregation

conjugation

conjuration

connotation

consecration

conservation

consideration

consignation

consolation

consolidation

constellation

consternation

constipation

consubstantiation

consultation

consummation

contamination

contemplation

contestation

continuation

conversation

convocation

cooperation

coordination

copulation

coronation

corporation

correlation

corroboration

corrugation

coruscation

creation

cremation

crystallization

culmination

cultivation

cumulation

D

damnation

debarkation

debilitation

decantation

decapitation

deceleration

decimalization

decimation

declamation

declaration

declination

dedication

defalcation

defamation

defecation

deflation

defoliation

deformation

degradation

dehydration

deification

delectation

delegation

deliberation

delineation

demarcation

demonetization

demonstration

denaturation

denigration

denomination

denotation

denudation

denunciation

deodorization

departmentalization

deportation

depravation

deprecation

depreciation

depredation

deprivation

deputation

derivation

derogation

desecration

desiccation

designation

desolation

desperation

destabilization

destination

deterioration

determination

detestation

detonation

devaluation

devastation

deviation

dictation

differentiation

dilapidation

dilation

discoloration

discrimination

disorientation

dispensation

disputation

dissemination

dissertation

dissimilation

dissimulation

dissipation

dissociation

distillation

diversification

divination

documentation

domestication

domination

donation

dramatization

duplication

duration

E

edification

education

elaboration

elation

electrification

elevation

elimination

elongation

elucidation

emaciation

emanation

emasculation

embarkation

emendation

emigration

emulsification

emulation

encapsulation

enervation

enumeration

enunciation

equalization

equation

equilibration

equivocation

eradication

eructation

escalation

estimation

etherization

evacuation

evaluation

evaporation

evisceration

evocation

exacerbation

exaggeration

exaltation

examination

exasperation

excavation

excitation

exclamation

excommunication

excoriation

exculpation

execration

exemplification

exhalation

exhilaration

exhortation

exhumation

exoneration

expatriation

expectation

expectoration

experimentation

expiation

expiration

explanation

explication

exploitation

exploration

exportation

expurgation

extemporization

extenuation

extermination

extirpation

extrapolation

extrication

exudation

exultation

F

fabrication

facilitation

falsification

familiarization

fascination

federalization

federation

felicitation

feminization

fenestration

fermentation

fertilization

fibrillation

figuration

filtration

finalization

fixation

flagellation

flirtation

flocculation

flotation

fluctuation

fluoridation

foliation

fomentation

forestation

formalization

formation

formulation

fortification

fossilization

foundation

fragmentation

fraternization

frustration

fulmination

fumigation

G

galvanization

gasification

gastrulation

gelatinization

germination

generalization

generation

germination

gestation

gesticulation

glaciation

glamorization

glorification

gradation

graduation

granulation

gratification

gravitation

gyration

H

habilitation

habitation

habituation

hallucination

harmonization

herniation

hesitation

hibernation

homogenization

hospitalization

humanization

humidification

humiliation

hybridization

hydration

hydrogenation

hyperventilation

hyphenation

I

idealization

ideation

identification

idolization

illation

illegalization

illumination

illustration

imagination

imbrication

imitation

immigration

immobilization

immoderation

immolation

immortalization

immunization

impartation

impersonation

impetration

implantation

implementation

implication

importation

imprecation

impregnation

improvisation

imputation

inauguration

incantation

incapacitation

incarnation

incarceration

incineration

incitation

inclination

incrimination

incrustation

incubation

inculcation

inculpation

indemnification

indentation

indexation

indication

indignation

individualization

individuation

indoctrination

industrialization

induration

inebriation

infatuation

infestation

infiltration

inflammation

inflation

information

infuriation

ingratiation

inhalation

initialization

initiation

innervation

innovation

inoculation

insemination

insinuation

inspiration

installation

instigation

instillation

institutionalization

instrumentation

insubordination

insulation

integration

intellectualization

intensification

intercalation

interpretation

interrelation

interrogation

intimation

intimidation

intonation

intoxication

inundation

invalidation

investigation

invigoration

invitation

invocation

ionization

irradiation

irritation

irrigation

isolation

italicization

itemization

iteration

J jubilation

justification

L

laceration

lactation

lamentation

lamination

laudation

legalization

legation

legislation

levitation

libation

liberalization

liberation

limitation

lineation

lionization

liquidation

litigation

localization

location

lubrication

lucubration

M

maceration

machination

magnetization

magnification

malformation

manifestation

manipulation

martyrization

masculinization

mastication

materialization

matriculation

maturation

mechanization

mediation

medication

meditation

melioratoin

memorization

menstruation

mensuration

metrication

migration

militarization

mineralization

miniaturization

minimization

ministration

miscegenation

mispronunciation

mitigation

mobilization

moderation

modernization

modification

modulation

molestation

mollification

monopolization

moralization

mortification

motivation

multiplication

mummification

mutation

mutilation

mystification

N

narration

nasalization

natation

nation

nationalization

naturalization

navigation

nebulization

necessitation

negation

negotiation

neutralization

nitration

nitrification

nomination

normalization

notation

notification

novelization

nucleation

nullification

numeration

O

obfuscation

objectification

objurgation

obligation

obliteration

oblation

observation

obviation

occupation

officiation

operation

oration

orchestration

ordination

organization

orientation

origination

ornamentation

oscillation

osculation

ossification

ostentation

ovation

overregulation

oversimplification

ovulation

oxidation

oxygenation

P

pacification

pagination

palatalization

palliation

palpation

palpitation

participation

particularization

pasteurization

peculation

penalization

penetration

perambulation

percolation

peregrination

perforation

permeation

permutation

peroration

perpetuation

perpetration

personalization

personification

perspiration

perturbation

petrification

phonation

pigmentation

placation

planation

plantation

pluralization

polarization

pollination

polymerization

popularization

population

postulation

potation

potentiation

precipitation

predation

predestination

predication

preparation

presentation

preservation

pressurization

prestidigitation

prevarication

privation

probation

proclamation

procrastination

procreation

profanation

prognostication

proletarianization

proliferation

prolongation

promulgation

pronunciation

propagation

propitiation

proration

prorogation

prostration

protestation

provocation

publication

pulsation

pulverization

punctuation

purgation

purification

Q

quadruplication

quantification

quantization

quotation

R

radiation

ramification

randomization

ratification

ratiocination

ration

rationalization

realization

reciprocation

recitation

reclamation

recommendation

reconciliation

reconsideration

recordation

recreation

recrimination

rectification

recuperation

reformation

refrigeration

refutation

regimentation

registration

regularization

regulation

regurgitation

rehabilitation

rejuvenation

relation

relaxation

relegation

remonstration

remuneration

renovation

renunciation

reparation

repatriation

replication

representation

reprobation

repudiation

reputation

reservation

resignation

respiration

restoration

resuscitation

retaliation

retardation

revelation

reverberation

revivification

revocation

romanticization

rotation

rubrication

ruination

rumination

rustication

S

salivation

saltation

salutation

salvation

saponification

sanctification

sanitation

satiation

saturation

scarification

scintillation

secularization

sedation

sedimentation

segregation

sensation

sensitization

sentimentalization

separation

sequestration

serialization

signification

silicification

siltation

simplification

simulation

situation

socialization

solemnization

solicitation

solidification

somnambulation

sophistication

specialization

specification

speculation

spoliation

stabilization

stagnation

standardization

starvation

station

sterilization

stigmatization

stimulation

stipulation

strangulation

stratification

striation

stultification

subjugation

sublimation

subordination

subornation

subsidization

substantiation

suffixation

suffocation

summation

superannuation

supplantation

supplementation

supplication

suppuration

syllabication

syllabification

symbolization

symmetrization

synchronization

syncopation

syndication

systemization

T

tabulation

taxation

telecommunication

temptation

tergiversation

termination

theorization

tintinnabulation

titillation

toleration

transfiguration

transformation

translation

transliteration

transmigration

transmutation

transpiration

transplantation

transportation

transubstantiation

traumatization

trepidation

triangulation

tribulation

triplication

truncation

typification

U

ulceration

undulation

unification

unionization

universalization

urbanization

urination

usurpation

utilization

V

vacation

vaccination

vacillation

validation

valorization

valuation

vaporization

variation

variegation

vegetation

veneration

ventilation

verbalization

verification

vernalization

versification

vesication

vexation

vibration

victimization

vilification

vindication

violation

visitation

visualization

vitalization

vitiation

vitrification

vituperation

vivification

vocalization

vocation

vociferation

vulcanization

W

westernization

winterization

workstation

Z

zonation

Long I words

Common words and words used in school settings, roughly organized from basic to advanced (but including special categories and exceptions)

idea

item

identify

silent

quiet

triangle

China

pilot

ivy

spider

iron

science

idle

minus

crisis

final

Iowa

Idaho

bible

icon

ideal

identity

identical

migrate

divert

climate

diameter

pi

diet

digress

island

tripod

isolate

nitrogen

mitosis

vibration

citation

ideology

bias

ion

iota

irate

biome

iron

ironic

isomer

isotope

primer

ivory

Iberia

Iran

Iraq

Irish

virus

bicycle

tricycle

biology

giant

cider

private

liability

pioneer

violence

iambic

dioxide

diatom

violet

ultraviolet

hiatus

ibex

icicle

primary

binary

diagonal

dinosaur

binary

bisect

dilute

finite

microscope

viceroy

dialect

diversity

diversify

migrant

tidal

vital

rival

minority

primary

digest

vibration

vitamin

dialog

biceps

riots

spinal

binocular

rhinoceros

biosphere

nitrate

primate

ribonucleic

hierarchy

albino

saliva

environment

horizon

compliant

reliant

reliable

society

alliance

divisor

advisor

refinery

survival

arrival

revival

nonviolence

podiatrist

appetizer

fertilizer

dermatitis

annihilate

alumni

alibi

rabbi

alkali

bronchi

cacti

fungi

nuclei

foci

stimuli

-ify suffix

*the accent falls just before -ify; the same is true for the -ity suffix*

acetify

acidify

amplify

beautify

calcify

certify

citify

clarify

classify

codify

crucify

dandify

decalcify

decertify

declassify

dehumidify

dignify

disqualify

diversify

edify

electrify

emulsify

exemplify

falsify

fortify

fructify

gasify

glorify

gratify

horrify

humidify

identify

indeminfy

intensify

justify

magnify

minify

modify

mollify

mortify

mummify

mystify

nitrify

notify

nullify

ossify

pacify

personify

petrify

preachify

prenotify

prettify

purify

qualify

quantify

ramify

ratify

recertify

reclassify

rectify

sanctify

saponify

scarify

signify

silicify

simplify

solemnify

solidify

specify

speechify

stratify

stultify

syllabify

terrify

testify

typify

uglify

unify

verify

versify

vilify

vitrify

vivify

\*these divide between open syllables:

beatify

deify

-igh with long I sound

airtight

alight

almighty

bight

birthright

blight

bright

delight

downright

Dwight

enlighten

fight

flight

flighty

foresight

forthright

fortnight

fright

gaslight

high

highbrow

highjack

highlands

highlight

highness

hindsight

infighting

insight

knight

light

lightning

limelight

midnight

might

mighty

nigh

night

nighthawk

nightingale

outright

plight

right

righteous

shipwright

sigh

sight

slight

slightly

sprightly

thigh

tight

twilight

upright

uptight

wainwright

Wright

-ition words

For most of these, the long I sound is not retained.

abolition

acquisition

addition

admonition

air-condition

ambition

ammunition

apparition

apposition

attrition

audition

bipartition

coalition

cognition

competition

composition

condition

contrition

decomposition

definition

demolition

dentition

deposition

disposition

disquisition

ebullition

edition

erudition

exhibition

expedition

exposition

extradition

fruition

ignition

imbibition

imposition

indisposition

inhibition

inquisition

intuition

juxtaposition

malnutrition

monition

nutrition

opposition

partition

parturition

perdition

petition

position

precognition

precondition

predisposition

premonition

preposition

prohibition

proposition

recognition

recondition

redefinition

rendition

repetition

reposition

sedition

superimposition

superstition

supposition

tradition

transition

transposition

Words ending in -ision (many are nouns with a verb form ending in -ide, such as divide, provide, elide)

collision

decision

division

derision

elision

envision

excision

incision

indecision

revision

subdivision

supervision

vision

television

circumcision

precision

provision

recision

Long O words

Common words and words used in school settings, roughly organized from basic to advanced (but including special categories and exceptions)

so

go

no

over

open

also

auto

ago

memo

motion

notice

provide

poem

solution

social

position

explosive

smoking

proceed

gasoline

local

opposite

zero

total

focus

domestic

echo

hello

broken

moment

protest

omit

polite

produce

protect

profane

profound

introduce

prohibit

obey

location

postpone

program

spoken

solution

October

November

abdomen

abolitionist

astronaut

cargo

chocolate

consonant

coordinate

dinosaur

donate

hero

kilogram

melody

microscope

ocean

octopus

photograph

pioneer

police

possession

potato

proceed

program

tomato

trophy

vocal

volcano

*Long O words: extensive list.*

abrogate

absolute

accommodate

acrimony

acronym

advocate

amino

anemone

antagonist

anthropology

anthropomorphism

archipelago

arrogant

associative

atrocious

autobiography

automatic

autonomic

autonomy

B

barometric

benevolent

bibliophile

biology

biome

biosphere

bogus

C

carbohydrate

carcinogen

ceremony

chemotherapy

chlorophyll

chromatic

chromosome

chronological

cocaine

coerce

coexist

cogent

cohesion

coincidence

colonial

commotion

component

composure

compromise

connotation

cooperate

corrosion

crocus

custody

D

demolition

denotation

diplomat

dissociate

dodecahedron

domain

domino

E

ecosystem

ectoplasm

ego

egocentric

eloquent

embargo

embryo

emotion

endocrine

endoplasmic

erosion

euphonious

evolution

exothermic

exponent

extrapolate

F

felonious

ferocious

foliage

foment

G

gaucho

genocide

genotype

geothermal

ghetto

gymnosperm

H

halogen

harmony

hemoglobin

hobo

hocus-pocus

homogeneous

hydrocarbon

hydroelectric

hydrogen

hypnosis

hypocrite

I

incoherent

innocent

innovate

interpolate

introspection

introvert

iota

J

jocund

L

locus

loquacious

logo

lotus

M

matrimony

mediocre

megalomania

lmetabolism

metamorphosis

metropolitan

microcosm

mobility

molar

molecular

monolith

monotheism

monopoly

mosquito

N

narcosis

necrosis

negotiate

neurosis

nicotine

nitrogen

nobility

nomad

nomenclature

nonviolence

notation

O

oasis

official

oligarchy

oligopoly

opaque

opinion

orthodox

orthopedist

ovary

ozone

P

parallelogram

petroleum

phonetics

photosynthesis

podium

polar

polio

political

polo

potential

precocious

preposition

procure

profanity

professor

profuse

prognosis

progressive

Prohibition

projectile

promotion

proponent

proportion

prosaic

protein

protocol

protoplasm

protozoan

protractor

provision

pterodactyl

Q

quotation

quotient

R

ratio

reciprocal

redolent

relocation

reproduction

retroactive

retrospective

revocable

revolution

rhododendron

rodent

rotation

rotunda

S

sabotage

Shinto

shogun

silo

sober

socialist

society

solicit

sophomore

stoic

syllogism

symbiosis

synchronize

synonym

T

technology

testimony

Thelonious

thermostat

tropism

V

vertigo

veto

vocational

vociferous

volition

Z

zoologist (correct pronunciation is “zo” ologist, not “zoo” logist.

--ost words

most

almost

host

ghost

host

post

-old words

old

told

cold

gold

soldiers

hold

mold

fold

bold

scold

behold

billfold

blindfold

manifold

marigold

scaffold

sold

threshold

uphold

--olt words

bolt

colt

dolt

jolt

kilovolt

molt

molten

poltergeist

poltroon

revolt

volt

voltage

--otion words

commotion

demotion

devotion

emotion

locomotion

lotion

motion

notion

potion

promotion

--osion words

corrosion

erosion

explosion

implosion

Long o spelled – ow … this really belongs in the “vowel digraphs” section.

aglow

arrow

barrow

below

bellow

bestow

billow

blow

blown

borrow

bow

bowl

bungalow

burrow

callow

crow

elbow

escrow

fallow

farrow

fellow

flow

flown

follow

furbelow

furrow

glow

grow

grown

growth

hallow

harrow

hollow

inflow

know

known

low

lower

mallow

marrow

marshmallow

meadow

mellow

minnow

morrow

mow

mown

narrow

outgrow

outflow

own

pillow

rainbow

row

sallow

scarecrow

shadow

shallow

show

slow

snow

sorrow

sow

sown

sparrow

stow

stowaway

swallow

tallow

throw

thrown

tomorrow

tow

unknown

wallow

wheelbarrow

widow

willow

window

winnow

yellow

Long U words Common words and words used in school settings, roughly organized from basic to advanced (but including special categories and exceptions)

music

usually

unit

human

February

instrument

students

January

cruel

duty

fluid

fuel

ruin

tuna

menu

humor

super

binoculars

calculate

circulation

computer

Constitution

cucumber

community

congratulate

document

duplicate

educate

emu

flu

formula

gradual

graduate

humidity

manual

manufacture

monument

museum

nucleus

numeral

numerator

nutrient

population

prejudice

punctuation

refugee

regular

reputation

revolution

solution

superb

turbulent

ukulele

unanimous

union

united

universe

unusual

vacuum

visual

actual

acupuncture

affluent

ambiguous

annual

casual

cellulose

coagulate

communism

commutative

commuter

conceptual

congruent

consecutive

conspicuous

consumer

continuation

convoluted

Crusades

deciduous

delusion

duel

duet

electrocution

executive

evacuate

evaluate

eventual

evolution

extenuating

factual

fluent

fortuitous

fraudulent

fumigate

guru

Honolulu

humongous

illuminate

immaculate

impromptu

impudent

incubate

indubitably

influence

ingenuity

inoculate

insinuate

insoluble

insulate

intuitive

judicial

juvenile

junior

lubrication

manumission

manuscript

medulla

Mogadishu

mucus

municipal

mutation

mutual

obituary

pendulum

perpendicular

perpetual

Peru

pituitary

pollution

prudent

punitive

quadruped

reputable

residual

resolution

ridiculous

ritual

rivulet

sanctuary

seclusion

situation

spiritual

stimulus

superlative

Timbuktu

transfusion

translucent

tributary

truant

tuber

Uber

unique

unison

uterus

virtual

zebu

Extensive list of words with u as open syllable; includes special categories.

A

accentuate

accrual

alluvial

amulet

assiduous

attenuate

B

brunet

bucolic

C

catechumen

consecutive

constituency

corpulent

D

diminutive

E

ecru

effluent

effusive

elucidate

emolument

emulate

estuary

exuberant

F

flocculent

fuchsia

G

gargantuan

genuflect

gluten

gnu

gratuity

H

habituate

herculean

humus

infatuate

innocuous

integument

J

jocular

julep

L

lucent

lucid

lugubrious

M

mellifluous

minuet

munificent

N

nuance

O

occlusion

opulent

P

parvenu

perceptual

perpendicular

R

rupees

S

strudel

stupefy

subjugate

succulent

suet

supercilious

superfluous

T

tenuous

toluene

tortuous

truculent

tutu

U

ululating

undulate

ungulate

united

uvula

V

vacuole

vacuous

victuals

Words with e as open syllable

Common words and words used in school settings, roughly organized from basic to advanced (but including special categories and exceptions)

he

be

we

she

me

even

before

begin

became

become

began

below

because

remember

decide

December

behind

belong

beside

beyond

cereal

decision

declare

decrease

define

delight

deposit

describe

details

detour

election

electric

emergency

equal

equation

equipment

female

meter

prediction

prehistoric

prepare

react

reaction

realize

reflection

refund

rename

repeat

report

reserve

respond

behave

comedian

deliberate

delivery

Depression

design

detain

determine

eclipse

ecology

ellipse

emotion

encyclopedia

equilateral

equivalent

esophagus

frequency

geography

geologist

median

medium

meteor

meteorologist

precipitation

precision

recycle

reflex

reform

region

related

release

religion

remain

repair

repeat

resign

resource

restriction

reverse

revolve

strategic

Open syllable e words – extensive list

A

abbreviate

alleviate

adrenal

appreciate

artesian

C

cerebrum

cohesion

convenient

D

decathlon

decent

deception

descent

desegregation

develop

E

economy

electromagnetic

electron

emancipation

equivalent

eventually

H

helix

I

illegal

immediate

indestructible

L

lenient

m

malleable

meander

Mediterranean

P

pancreas

paramecium

peon

preamble

predicament

prevail

procedure

Pythagorean

R

rebellion

recede

recent

recession

recessive

Reconstruction

refraction

remit

represent

representative

republic

require

renewable

resort

revolt

S

seniority

sequence

spontaneous

T

theory

Words with e at the end pronounced as e

abalone

aborigine

adobe

anemone

apostrophe

Boise

calliope

catastrophe

coyote

cicerone

epitome

facsimile

finale

hyperbole

jujube

machete

minestrone

Persephone

peyote

provolone

psyche

simile

strophe

synecdoche

troche

tsetse

ukulele

-etion words

accretion

completion

concretion

deletion

depletion

excretion

repletion

secretion

-esion words

adhesion

cohesion

lesion

eous words

aqueous

beauteous

bounteous

calcareous

consanguineous

contemporaneous

courteous

cutaneous

duteous

erroneous

extemporaneous

extraneous

gaseous

heterogeneous

hideous

homogeneous

igneous

instantaneous

miscellaneous

nacreous

nauseous

piteous

plenteous

simultaneous

spontaneous

subcutaneous

vitreous

Y as open syllables with long I sound

.

BASIC

by

cry

dry

fry

fly

my

pry

ply

sty

sly

try

why

wry

shy

sky

spy

ADVANCED

bystander

bypass

cycle

hydrant

hygiene

hyena

hyphen

myna

nylon

python

typhoid

typhoon

cyclone

tyrant

hydroplane

hypothesis

Wyoming

dynasty

psychology

dehydrate

papyrus

reply

deny

occupy

identify

supply

imply

comply

rely

apply

multiply

byway

bylaw

cyberspace

cyanide

cybernetic

cyclamate

cycle

cyclic

cyclist

cyclometer

cyclotron

cynosure

cytology

cytoplasm

cypress

Cyprus

cryogenic

dyad

dynamic

dryad

gynecology

gyro

gyroscope

gyrate

hyacinth

hydrangea

hybrid

hydrate

hydraulic

hydrocarbon

hydroelectric

hydrofoil

hydrogen

hydrolyze

hydrology

hydrometer

hydrophobia

hydroplane

hydroponic

hydrotherapy

hydrous

hygrometer

hying

hyperbole

hypersensitive

hypertension

hyperventilate

hypochondriac

hypodermic

hypotenuse

hypothalamus

lyceum

mycology

myelitis

myopic

myosin

pylon

pyrotechnics

psyche

psychedelic

psychiatrist

psychic

phylum

shyster

skyscraper

skylark

stylus

stymie

tycoon

typhus

tyro

xylem

xylophone

zygote

hypoglycemia

carbohydrate

anhydrous

Multiple syllable words ending in y

barfly

butterfly

reply

deny

occupy

identify

supply

imply

comply

decry

rely

apply

awry

multiply

outcry

descry