Syllable Plus

A GAME TO TEACH SYLLABLE TYPES

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Syllable Plus is a game with a hands-on approach to teaching students to identify basic syllable types. It is designed to provide practice and reinforcement with a minimum of teacher time. It can be used with first graders through adults in regular or remedial classes as preparation for reading. Repeated use of *Syllable Plus* will enable students to see polysyllabic words as combinations of syllables and to break them into manageable units for reading. With this skill, students will then be free to focus on the meaning of what they are reading.

ORGANIZATION

Players: 1 to 5

Components:

- Six sheets of 290 monosyllabic and polysyllabic words to be cut into cards
- Six guide strips for categorizing*
- Answer Key for List 4 through 6

Time Limit: Approximately 10 to 15 minutes

There are six lists of monosyllabic and polysyllabic words for cutting and sorting.

Guide strips are provided.

BACKGROUND

Students should be familiar with all six types of syllables before beginning work on *Syllable Plus*. The definitions of each syllable are provided (see page 2). Review each definition before introducing the corresponding syllable list. At the same time, teach the syllable abbreviations which appear on the guide strip: closed - CL, open - OP, silent e -SE [vowel consonant-*e* - VC*e*], consonant-*le* - LE [C*le*], *r*-controlled (RC), and the double-vowel syllable (DV).

HOW TO USE SYLLABLE PLUS

1. Start all students on the first list, which contains only closed and open syllables. Either have a student cut the list into syllable cards or do it yourself ahead of time. Trim the edges off the cards. Then give each student eight to ten words.

   To begin, focus on one type of syllable at a time. For example, first ask students to separate all the closed syllables. Depending on the students' accuracy, some reteaching may be necessary at this point. Repeat this step until you are satisfied with the level of accuracy. It should

Example of a Game Strip and cards. (NOTE: The strips are cards are larger than shown below)

CLOSED	C - le	OPEN	DOUBLE VOWEL	SILENT E	R CONTOL	PLUS
cab	-ble	mo	-ble		for	
hit	-ble					