A syllable is a word part that has one, and only one vowel sound. Sometimes a syllable will have more than one of these vowels, but they work together to make only one sound.

A closed syllable is a special kind of syllable. Closed syllables have ONLY one vowel that is followed by one or more consonants. Closed syllables usually have vowels that make their short 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

Read It
One strategy readers can use to read a word more accurately is to break it into syllables, or word parts.

Try It
Use the rules for dividing syllables above to break the words into word parts.

plastic

landfill