

Dear Family:

The third type of syllable in English is called an **open syllable**. Even though your child has read and spelled many words with open syllables, we will now learn about this syllable type and how to mark it. The open syllable has only one vowel and it does not have a consonant after it. Some examples include:

go flu we I

These are marked:

gō
o

Open syllables can be combined with closed and v-e syllables to form longer words:

prētēnd
o c

prōvidē
o v-e

When studying open syllables, it is time to introduce **y as a vowel**. Know that **y** is a consonant when it begins a word, otherwise, it is a vowel. **Y** has 2 vowel sounds in an open syllable. In a one-syllable word, **y** has the long **i** sound as in **cry** and in multisyllabic words it usually has the long **e** sound as in **baby**. In addition to **y** being a consonant and a vowel, it can also be a suffix ending as in the word **lump - lumpy** or part of a suffix ending as in **safely** or **safety**. When **y** is a suffix, it has the sound of long **e**.

Sincerely,





Homework Guide

Follow These 5 Steps:

1. Dictate the word or sentence.
2. Have your child repeat it.
3. Have your child write it.
4. Read the word or sentence again and have your child proofread it carefully.
5. Check his/her work.

WEEK 1

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	shame	poles	nutmeg	topic
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	no	basic	we	bunny fry
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	why	right	large	water change
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	We can relax when we get home.			

WEEK 2

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	open	flu	silent	me
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	grumpy	crunchy	safety	bravely ruby
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	city	their	every	away family
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	Betty likes to strum her banjo.			

