

vertex – PO 1

Identify the types of the following syllables. Write the syllables in the appropriate columns below. If you need help on a syllable type, replay the lesson.

arp spo isp
tic -ic la
ret ark -zle
-sion irm pro

Closed	Open	Vowel- <i>r</i>	Final Stable

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All these base words have vowel-*r* syllables. Underline the words with one syllable. Divide the words with two syllables. Read each row several times, increasing your speed as you read.

1. hermit number temper

2. stern ladder perfect

3. turnip winter hurdle

4. filter current turf

5. birth stirrup herd

6. varnish startle harvest

*Star the 2 words that have a final stable syllable.

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Underline all the vowel-r syllables in the following passage. Read the underlined words and then read the whole passage.

Climbing Mt. Everest

For \$55,000 a person can climb Mt. Everest with one of the mountain hiking outfits. Mt. Everest, the highest mountain in the world, lies between Nepal and China. However, no couch potatoes allowed! The trek takes up to 67 days and begins outside of Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The participants must know mountaineering skills that include climbing at high altitudes. The apex or the highest point of Mt. Everest is over 8,000 meters or about 26,247 feet—that's almost five miles high.

The local people who assist the climbers and the professional guides are called Sherpas. They regard the mountain as a holy place and are very helpful because they are hard working and are used to high altitudes. Climbing Mt. Everest can be dangerous. Over 3,000 people made it to the apex between 1922 and 2010, but there have been 219 deaths during that time.

1. Discuss with a partner why you think climbing Mt. Everest would cost \$55,000.
2. Discuss the rate of people who died doing this climb. Do you think the number is high or low? Why?