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## Grade 3: Weekly Phonics Focus

 Lesson 20In our classroom this week, we are reviewing open and vowel team syllable types in multisyllable words. Here are the patterns to practice this week:

| Open <br> Syllables | Open syllable words have 1 vowel letter followed by no <br> consonants, and the vowel sound is long. The letter $y$ at the <br> end of a syllable takes on the role of a vowel. |
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| Vowel Team <br> Syllables | A vowel team has 2 or more letters side by side that are <br> pronounced as 1 vowel sound. Some vowel teams spelled <br> with 2 letters side by side can be pronounced 2 different <br> ways. |

Here are some examples of multisyllable words with the open and vowel team syllable patterns:

| crazy | remain | meadow | delay | between |
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Below are activities to practice at home this week. You may also use the activities and questions from the initial Family Support Letter to further address your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

## Sort Syllables

Guide your child through sorting open and vowel team syllables by saying, "Let's sort syllables." Read these steps to your child:

1. Find the vowels and underline them.
2. Count the consonants between the vowels and determine where to draw a line to divide the syllables.
3. For each syllable say the vowel sound, read the syllable, then write the syllable under the correct column.
4. Read the whole word.

| Word | Open | Vowel Team |
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| proceed |  |  |
| rowdy |  |  |
| daylight |  |  |
| hazy |  |  |

## Read Phrases

Guide your child through reading phrases by saying，＂Let＇s read phrases．Point to the first phrase．Read across each row．Ready？＂

| maintain the lead | will not complain |
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| cannot proceed | a crazy day |
| the frozen ground | pinpoint the problem |
| a crazy day | without a sound |

## Sentence Dictation

Guide your child through writing a sentence by saying，＂I will tell you a sentence． You will repeat the sentence with me and then write it．If you forget a word，I will tell you the next word．＂

1．Tell your child to listen as your read this sentence：
We cannot proceed until we pinpoint the problem．
2．Have your child repeat the sentence with you，then write it．
3．When your child is finished writing，show your child the sentence and say， ＂Let＇s check the sentence together．Place a dot under each letter and punctuation mark that is correct．Make any corrections you need to．＂

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