

Phonetic Foundation

Consonants

- **Common clusters:** zh, kh, sh, th, ry, ly, ny, vy, kr, br, dr, tr, vr, sr
- **Initial consonants:** K, Z, L, Th, V, A, S, R, M, F, Kh, Zh, Sh, N, T, X, Y
- **Hard sounds:** k, t, th, r emphasize resilience
- **Soft sounds:** sh, zh, v, l suggest adaptability

Vowels

- **Primary:** a, e, i, o
- **Y as vowel:** Common in endings and middle syllables
- **Diphthongs:** ae, ai, ey, ay, or

Syllable Structure

- **Length:** 2-4 syllables
- **Patterns:** CV (consonant-vowel), CVC, CVCC
- **Stress:** Usually on first or second syllable

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