

Here is a game for practising open and closed syllables. There is a bit of preparation to do first.

Cut out some card to make 20 cards, each about 4cms by 6cms. Write these syllables clearly on the cards – one syllable for each card:

sta spo di ro ti bro clo ne tra ho
sit rad el oc pen tom ten pat bel dap



The worksheet shows the game board. You will need two counters and your 20 syllable cards. The game is for two players.

Place both players' counters on the second square – the red square. Place the syllable cards in a pile, syllables facing down. Now you are ready to play.

How to play Sylla-Ball

- 1 The first player takes a card.
- 2 If he can read the syllable, he moves on a square.
- 3 If he can say whether it is open or closed, he moves on another square.
- 4 If he can think of a word beginning with that syllable, he can move his opponent's counter back one square.
- 5 Place the card to the bottom of the syllable card pile.
- 6 The second player takes their turn in the same way.
- 7 The winner is the first player to score a goal by reaching the end first.

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