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Episode 208: More Closed Syllables and Climate Challenges

Book: *Magic School Bus and the Climate Change Challenge* by Bruce Degen

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Read It

Read the following passage out loud.

The underlined words contain closed syllables.

Imagine munching on a plastic bag as a snack. There's an insect that can! Wax moth caterpillars have special stomachs that break down plastics. Waxworms can't eat all our plastic trash, but we might learn from them! Scientists would like to invent a tool that can break down plastics, just like waxworms.

Foundational Skills

A **closed syllable** is a special kind of syllable. Closed syllables have ONLY one vowel that is followed by one or more consonants. Closed syllables USUALLY have vowels that make their short vowel sound.

Rules for Dividing Syllables

Every syllable has one vowel or vowel team.

- Place a dot under each vowel
- Underline any vowel teams,
- Divide between two consonants

Try It

Write the underlined words above on the lines provided. Use what you know about dividing syllables to break the words apart.

1. _____

2. _____

When reading, look for words with closed syllables. Do the vowels make the short or long vowel sound?