

# Long u Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

**The accented syllable for words with open u patterns is usually the first syllable.**

open u **pattern**  
hu / **mor**  
pu / **pil**

**The accented syllable for words with the uCe pattern can be either the first or second syllable.**

uCe **pattern**  
use / **ful**  
in / clude

**Unsure which syllable is accented?**

- 1. Place the top of your hand gently under your chin. When you say a word, you will feel your chin slightly drop down on the accented syllable.**
- 2. Consult a dictionary.**