



Sometimes, you're going to see words that have two vowels together BUT it won't make a word if you try making the first vowel say its name. It's an open vowel/an open syllable. (e.g., a, we, hi, so, flu)

When we look at this word *lion*, we might decode it and say /line/. You might see it in a sentence like this, "We saw a gorgeous *lion* at the zoo." *Line* doesn't work, does it?

If this happens to you, try splitting the vowels apart. Make the first one an open syllable (It'll say its name.), and the second one will make the expected sound.

So, we'll say . . . li | on. Now that makes sense! It says lion!

lion	science	trial
<u>q</u> uiet	client	neon
koala	diet	create
cereal	riot	meander
fluid	idea	fluent
heroic	poem	dial
ruin	oasis	chaos
mosaic	pioneer	neon
dial	cruel	poet
violent	quiet	evacuate
deodorant	triumph	
violin	rodeo	→

**Here are some *really* tricky words!**

Can you flip flop the sounds and  
figure out what these words say?

**warrior**

Hint: The i does not say its name.

**cooperate**

Hint: The two o's need to be split.

**phobi-a**

Hint: The i says /ee/.

**ocean**

Hint: The e is there only to tell the c to change its sound, but the c  
doesn't say /s/. It says /sh/.

