Vowel Digraphs and Diphthongs

Syllables

need  pail  out
three  boat  round
fleet  each  loud
moon
Vowel or Consonant?

• y and w can act as both vowels and consonants:
  – At the beginning of a word or syllable, y and w act as consonants.
  – After a vowel or at the end of a word or syllable, they act as vowels.

• The following letter combinations are vowel digraphs/diphthongs:
  – ay, as in tray
  – aw, as in lawn or saw
  – ew, as in few
  – oy, as in oyster or boy
  – ow, as in brown, cow, or snow