Sound Switch Sort

Listen for the sound that disappeared.

2.LF.9.c "With prompting and support, delete the medial and final sounds in blends in one syllable base words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

MIDDLE SOUND

A sound inside the beginning blend is taken away. Say frog, then say it without /r/: fog.

frog → fog

LAST SOUND

The last sound of an ending blend is taken away. Say milk, then say it without /k/: mill.

milk → mill

1 SORT

8 items

Say each word pair aloud and circle MIDDLE or LAST in Part 1; in Part 2, choose two numbers and explain which sound was removed and where you heard it.

1. clap → cap MIDDLE LAST

2. trip → tip MIDDLE LAST

3. tent → ten MIDDLE LAST

4. snap → sap MIDDLE LAST

5. past → pass MIDDLE LAST

6. sink → sing MIDDLE LAST

7. bust → bus MIDDLE LAST

8. slip → sip MIDDLE LAST

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one new word pair for MIDDLE and one for LAST, showing the word you hear after a sound is taken away.

MIDDLE _____

LAST _____

CHALLENGE

Find one word with a beginning blend and an ending blend, then write what you hear when you take away a sound inside the beginning blend and when you take away the last sound.

ANSWER KEY # Sound Switch Sort

GRADE 2 · 2.LF.9.c

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	clap → cap	**MIDDLE**	The /l/ in the beginning blend /kl/ is removed.
2	trip → tip	**MIDDLE**	The /r/ in the beginning blend /tr/ is removed.
3	tent → ten	**LAST**	The final /t/ in the ending blend /nt/ is removed.
4	snap → sap	**MIDDLE**	The /n/ in the beginning blend /sn/ is removed.
5	past → pass	**LAST**	The final /t/ in the ending blend /st/ is removed.
6	sink → sing	**LAST**	The final /k/ in the ending blend /ŋk/ is removed. The spelling changes, but the remaining sounds stay the same.
7	bust → bus	**LAST**	The final /t/ in the ending blend /st/ is removed.
8	slip → sip	**MIDDLE**	The /l/ in the beginning blend /sl/ is removed.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MIDDLE**: brag → bag
- **LAST**: mist → miss

Challenge: plant → pant (take away /l/); plant → plan (take away /t/)

Prompt students to say each pair aloud and compare sounds, not letters. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the removed sound and its place in the word.