Build and Sort

Use syllables to spell words.

3.LF.32.a "Apply knowledge of multisyllabic word construction and syllable division principles to encode multisyllabic words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. That vowel usually says its name.

ze + ro = ze/ro

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

A closed syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel usually has a short sound.

cac + tus = cac/tus

1 SORT

8 items

Join and write each word, circle OPEN or CLOSED for its first syllable, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. ba + by OPEN CLOSED

2. ti + ger OPEN CLOSED

3. bas + ket OPEN CLOSED

4. po + ny OPEN CLOSED

5. nap + kin OPEN CLOSED

6. rab + bit OPEN CLOSED

7. ro + bot OPEN CLOSED

8. la + dy OPEN CLOSED

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

Write one new two-syllable word for OPEN and one for CLOSED, and divide each word with a slash.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word, divide it with slashes, and tell whether its first syllable is OPEN or CLOSED.

ANSWER KEY # Build and Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	ba + by	**OPEN**	Baby is spelled b-a-b-y; ba ends in a vowel.
2	ti + ger	**OPEN**	Tiger is spelled t-i-g-e-r; ti ends in a vowel.
3	bas + ket	**CLOSED**	Basket is spelled b-a-s-k-e-t; bas ends in a consonant.
4	po + ny	**OPEN**	Pony is spelled p-o-n-y; po ends in a vowel.
5	nap + kin	**CLOSED**	Napkin is spelled n-a-p-k-i-n; nap ends in a consonant.
6	rab + bit	**CLOSED**	Rabbit is spelled r-a-b-b-i-t; rab ends in a consonant.
7	ro + bot	**OPEN**	Robot is spelled r-o-b-o-t; ro ends in a vowel.
8	la + dy	**OPEN**	Lady is spelled l-a-d-y; la ends in a vowel.

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)

- **OPEN**: pa/per
- **CLOSED**: sun/set

Challenge: va/ca/tion, OPEN

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the last letter of the first syllable in each of two items and use it to justify the category. In Part 3, check both the spelling and the syllable division.