

Sound Word Sort

Sort verbs by how loud the sound is.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.5b "Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

QUIET SOUNDS

These verbs tell about a soft sound that may be hard to hear.

The baby cooed.

LOUD SOUNDS

These verbs tell about a strong sound that can be heard far away.

The captain bellowed, "All aboard!"

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle QUIET or LOUD for each verb, then choose two verbs, one from each group, and write how each verb tells its sound is quiet or loud.

1. The coach shouted, "Run!"

QUIET

LOUD

2. Ava whispered a secret.

QUIET

LOUD

3. Leo yelled, "Look out!"

QUIET

LOUD

4. Mia screamed when she saw the spider.

QUIET

LOUD

5. Ben murmured, "I agree."

QUIET

LOUD

6. Dad muttered, "Where are my keys?"

QUIET

LOUD

7. The actor roared, "Charge!"

QUIET

LOUD

8. Kai mumbled an answer.

QUIET

LOUD

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 quiet-sound verb and one new loud-sound verb.

QUIET _____

LOUD _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence to show a loud sound: "Maya said, 'Stop!'" Use a loud-sound verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The coach shouted, "Run!"	LOUD	Shouted means to speak very loudly.
2	Ava whispered a secret.	QUIET	Whispered means to speak very softly.
3	Leo yelled, "Look out!"	LOUD	Yelled means to call out loudly.
4	Mia screamed when she saw the spider.	LOUD	Screamed means to make a very loud cry.
5	Ben murmured, "I agree."	QUIET	Murmured means to speak in a low, soft voice.
6	Dad muttered, "Where are my keys?"	QUIET	Muttered means to speak quietly, often not clearly.
7	The actor roared, "Charge!"	LOUD	Roared means to make a deep, loud sound.
8	Kai mumbled an answer.	QUIET	Mumbled means to speak quietly and not clearly.

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)

- **QUIET:** talk softly
- **LOUD:** holler

Challenge: Maya shouted, "Stop!"

For Part 2, students should name the meaning clue in each chosen verb, such as whispered means soft and shouted means loud. Accept reasonable new verbs or phrases that clearly show a quiet or loud sound.