# 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** _____

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## 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.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 2 · L.2.5b**

## 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!”

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