

Syllable Door Sort

Look at the first syllable in each word.

ELA.2.F.1.3 "Use knowledge of grade-appropriate phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words. a. Decode words with variable vowel teams (e.g., oo, ea, ou) and vowel diphthongs (e.g., oi, oy, ow). b..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. The vowel usually has its long sound.

tiger

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

napkin

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle OPEN or CLOSED for each word, then choose two words and explain how the first syllable helped you decide.

1. robot

OPEN

CLOSED

2. sunset

OPEN

CLOSED

3. picnic

OPEN

CLOSED

4. music

OPEN

CLOSED

5. paper

OPEN

CLOSED

6. magnet

OPEN

CLOSED

7. hotel

OPEN

CLOSED

8. pupil

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 with an open first syllable and one new two-syllable word with a closed first syllable.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with a closed first syllable. Split it with a slash and explain why the first syllable is closed.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	robot	OPEN	ro ends in a vowel, so the first syllable is open.
2	sunset	CLOSED	sun ends in n, so the first syllable is closed.
3	picnic	CLOSED	pic ends in c, so the first syllable is closed.
4	music	OPEN	mu ends in a vowel, so the first syllable is open.
5	paper	OPEN	pa ends in a vowel, so the first syllable is open.
6	magnet	CLOSED	mag ends in g, so the first syllable is closed.
7	hotel	OPEN	ho ends in a vowel, so the first syllable is open.
8	pupil	OPEN	pu ends in a vowel, so the first syllable is open.

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:** baby
- **CLOSED:** rabbit

Challenge: lem/on: The first syllable, lem, ends in m, so it is closed.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the first syllable and tell whether it ends in a vowel or consonant. Part 3 sample splits are ba/by and rab/bit.