

Hyphen Break Check

Spot word breaks that work.

2.L.GC.1.26 "Mechanics: Use hyphens to divide words at line breaks. (Introduce)"

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CORRECT BREAK

The hyphen is at the end of a line. The word is broken between parts that sound right together.

bas- ket

WRONG BREAK

The break cuts through a word part. Keep the word together or break it in a different place.

muff- in

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle RIGHT or WRONG for each word break, then choose two items and explain why each break is right or wrong.

1. rab- bit

RIGHT

WRONG

2. nap- ping

RIGHT

WRONG

3. wi- ndow

RIGHT

WRONG

4. pic- nic

RIGHT

WRONG

5. sunsh- ine

RIGHT

WRONG

6. ki- tten

RIGHT

WRONG

7. rain- bow

RIGHT

WRONG

8. ta- ble

RIGHT

WRONG

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 RIGHT word break and one new WRONG word break.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a two-syllable word at the end of the first line, and use a correct hyphen break.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rab- bit	RIGHT	Rabbit is correctly divided between its syllables, rab-bit.
2	nap- ping	RIGHT	Napping is correctly divided between its syllables, nap-ping.
3	wi- ndow	WRONG	The break cuts through the first syllable of window. The first syllable is win.
4	pic- nic	RIGHT	Picnic is correctly divided between its syllables, pic-nic.
5	sunsh- ine	WRONG	The break cuts through the word part sunshine. It can be divided sun-shine.
6	ki- tten	WRONG	The break cuts through the first syllable of kitten. It can be divided kit-ten.
7	rain- bow	RIGHT	Rainbow is correctly divided between its syllables, rain-bow.
8	ta- ble	RIGHT	Table is correctly divided between its syllables, ta-ble.

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)

- **RIGHT:** gar- den
- **WRONG:** pu- ppy

Challenge: The little rock- et flew high.

Accept other correct word breaks that keep syllables or meaningful word parts together. In Part 2, look for the student to name a word part or syllable that was kept together or cut apart.