Tricky Word Sort

Which spelling belongs in a book?

2.W.8.c.III "Correctly spelling common irregularly-spelled, grade-appropriate words (e.g., said, does, gone)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED RIGHT

Some common words do not sound the way they are spelled. A word belongs here when its letters match the spelling used in books.

could

SPELLED WRONG

A word belongs here when its letters do not match the spelling used in books, even if it sounds right when you read it.

coud

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle Spelled Right or Spelled Wrong, then pick two words and write how you knew where they belong.

1. said	RIGHT	WRONG
2. wuz	RIGHT	WRONG
3. duz	RIGHT	WRONG
4. gone	RIGHT	WRONG
5. they	RIGHT	WRONG
6. one	RIGHT	WRONG
7. frum	RIGHT	WRONG
8. wer	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 word that is spelled right and one new word that is spelled wrong. Next to the word spelled wrong, write its correct spelling.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a word spelled wrong in Part 1. Write its correct spelling, then use that word in a sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Tricky Word Sort

GRADE 2 · 2.W.8.c.III

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	said	**RIGHT**	Said is the correct spelling.
2	wuz	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is was.
3	duz	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is does.
4	gone	**RIGHT**	Gone is the correct spelling.
5	they	**RIGHT**	They is the correct spelling.
6	one	**RIGHT**	One is the correct spelling.
7	frum	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is from.
8	wer	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is were.

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**: give
- **WRONG**: hav (correct spelling: have)

Challenge: was. I was at the park.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the correct spelling, such as "wuz should be was." Part 3 examples must be different from the sort words.