Vowel Sound Sort

Use syllable patterns to read each word.

3.RF.1 "Understand the six major syllable patterns (CVC, CVr, V, VV, VCe, Cle) to aid in decoding unknown words."

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CVC SYLLABLE

A CVC syllable has a consonant, a vowel, and a consonant. The vowel makes its short sound.

tap

VCE SYLLABLE

A VCe syllable has a vowel, a consonant, and a silent e at the end. The first vowel usually says its name.

cape

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SHORT or LONG for each word, then choose two words and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	fin	SHORT LONG
2.	hop	SHORT LONG
3.	kite	SHORT LONG
4.	mud	SHORT LONG
5.	bone	SHORT LONG
6.	rake	SHORT LONG
7.	pet	SHORT LONG
8.	rug	SHORT LONG

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 CVC word with a short vowel and one new VCe word with a long vowel.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with one CVC syllable and one VCe syllable, then split the word with a slash and name each pattern.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	fin	**SHORT**	Fin is CVC, and i makes its short sound.
2	hop	**SHORT**	Hop is CVC, and o makes its short sound.
3	kite	**LONG**	Kite is VCe, and i says its name.
4	mud	**SHORT**	Mud is CVC, and u makes its short sound.
5	bone	**LONG**	Bone is VCe, and o says its name.
6	rake	**LONG**	Rake is VCe, and a says its name.
7	pet	**SHORT**	Pet is CVC, and e makes its short sound.
8	rug	**SHORT**	Rug is CVC, and u makes its short sound.

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)

- **SHORT**: big
- **LONG**: dime

Challenge: cup/cake: cup is CVC; cake is VCe.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the CVC or VCe pattern and the vowel sound. For Part 3, check that both examples are new words.