Syllable Word Sort

Look at the first syllable to find a spelling pattern.

L.3.2.f "Use spelling patterns (graphemes) and generalizations in writing multisyllabic words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually says its name.

pa/per

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

muf/fin

1 SORT

8 items

Read each two-syllable word, then circle OPEN or CLOSED to describe its first syllable.

1.	pi/lot	OPEN CLOSED
2.	pic/nic	OPEN CLOSED
3.	rab/bit	OPEN CLOSED
4.	ba/by	OPEN CLOSED
5.	ze/ro	OPEN CLOSED
6.	sun/set	OPEN CLOSED
7.	si/lent	OPEN CLOSED
8.	ta/ble	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

PROVE IT: Pick one word from each group in Part 1 and explain how its first syllable helped you sort it. MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new two-syllable word for each group and mark its syllable break with a slash.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using two new two-syllable words, one from each group. Mark the syllable break in each word with a slash.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	pi/lot	**OPEN**	The first syllable, pi, ends in a vowel.
2	pic/nic	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, pic, ends in a consonant.
3	rab/bit	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, rab, ends in a consonant.
4	ba/by	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ba, ends in a vowel.
5	ze/ro	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ze, ends in a vowel.
6	sun/set	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, sun, ends in a consonant.
7	si/lent	**OPEN**	The first syllable, si, ends in a vowel.
8	ta/ble	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ta, ends in a vowel.

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**: ho/tel
- **CLOSED**: den/tist

Challenge: A ti/ger ate my sand/wich.

For PROVE IT, accept explanations that name the final letter of each chosen first syllable and tell whether it is a vowel or consonant. In the challenge sample, ti is open and sand is closed.