Vowel Sound Sort

Hear the vowel sound, then show your thinking.

RF.2.3 "Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

LONG VOWEL

A long vowel says its name. A silent e at the end of a word can help make this sound.

cake

SHORT VOWEL

A short vowel does not say its name. Listen for its short sound.

fish

1 SORT

8 items

Circle LONG or SHORT for each word; for Part 2, pick two words and explain how you knew where each one belongs.

1. bike — LONG SHORT

2. hop — LONG SHORT

3. cap — LONG SHORT

4. name — LONG SHORT

5. rope — LONG SHORT

6. pet — LONG SHORT

7. five — LONG SHORT

8. tub — LONG SHORT

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 long-vowel word and one new short-vowel word that are not on this page.

LONG _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Pick a short-vowel word from the sort that becomes a real long-vowel word when you add silent e. Write both words and name each vowel sound.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bike	**LONG**	The i says its name.
2	hop	**SHORT**	The o has its short sound.
3	cap	**SHORT**	The a has its short sound.
4	name	**LONG**	The a says its name.
5	rope	**LONG**	The o says its name.
6	pet	**SHORT**	The e has its short sound.
7	five	**LONG**	The i says its name.
8	tub	**SHORT**	The u has 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)

- **LONG**: lane
- **SHORT**: mud

Challenge: hop, short o; hope, long o

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the vowel sound, such as: bike has a long i because the i says its name, and hop has a short o because the o does not say its name. Other valid challenge pairs include cap and cape, or tub and tube.