Syllable Split

Listen to the vowel in the first syllable.

RF.5.3 "Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. Use combined knowledge of all phoneme-grapheme correspondences…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually has a long sound.

ro/bot

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

nap/kin

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable of each word; for Part 2, choose two words, split them into syllables, and explain how you decided.

1.	1. tiger	OPEN CLOSED
2.	2. basket	OPEN CLOSED
3.	3. magnet	OPEN CLOSED
4.	4. paper	OPEN CLOSED
5.	5. hotel	OPEN CLOSED
6.	6. pilot	OPEN CLOSED
7.	7. rabbit	OPEN CLOSED
8.	8. dentist	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

Write one new two-syllable word with an open first syllable and one with a closed first syllable; split each word into syllables.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word, split it into syllables, and explain whether its first syllable is open or closed.

ANSWER KEY # Syllable Split

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. tiger	**OPEN**	ti/ger: ti ends in a vowel.
2	2. basket	**CLOSED**	bas/ket: bas ends in a consonant.
3	3. magnet	**CLOSED**	mag/net: mag ends in a consonant.
4	4. paper	**OPEN**	pa/per: pa ends in a vowel.
5	5. hotel	**OPEN**	ho/tel: ho ends in a vowel.
6	6. pilot	**OPEN**	pi/lot: pi ends in a vowel.
7	7. rabbit	**CLOSED**	rab/bit: rab ends in a consonant.
8	8. dentist	**CLOSED**	den/tist: den ends in a consonant.

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**: mu/sic
- **CLOSED**: pic/nic

Challenge: va/ca/tion: The first syllable, va, is open because it ends in a vowel.

For Part 2, look for a correct syllable split and an explanation that identifies whether the first syllable ends in a vowel or consonant.