Vowel Sound Sort

Read and sort one-syllable words.

RF.2.3.a "Know and apply phonics skills to read (decode) and write (encode) one syllable words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SHORT VOWEL	LONG VOWEL
The vowel makes its short sound. A consonant ends the word. plan	The word ends in silent e. The first vowel says its name. plane

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SHORT or LONG for each word, then pick one word from each group and explain how you knew where it belonged.

1.	hop	SHORT LONG
2.	bike	SHORT LONG
3.	rose	SHORT LONG
4.	fin	SHORT LONG
5.	mop	SHORT LONG
6.	pet	SHORT LONG
7.	tape	SHORT LONG
8.	cub	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 SHORT word and one new LONG word with silent e. Use words that are not in the sort or rule box.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Pick a SHORT word from the sort that becomes a LONG word when you add silent e. Write both words and explain how the vowel sound changes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hop	**SHORT**	The o has its short sound, and the word ends in p.
2	bike	**LONG**	The silent e makes the i say its name.
3	rose	**LONG**	The silent e makes the o say its name.
4	fin	**SHORT**	The i has its short sound, and the word ends in n.
5	mop	**SHORT**	The o has its short sound, and the word ends in p.
6	pet	**SHORT**	The e has its short sound, and the word ends in t.
7	tape	**LONG**	The silent e makes the a say its name.
8	cub	**SHORT**	The u has its short sound, and the word ends in b.

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**: rug
- **LONG**: dime

Challenge: hop, hope. The o changes from its short sound to its long sound.

For the explanations, accept a short-vowel sound or an ending silent e as evidence. For example, hop has a short o, while the silent e in bike makes the i say its name.