Syllable Doorways

Sort two-syllable words by their first syllable.

RF.2.3.c "Read (decode) and write (encode) two-syllable words with known letter-sound correspondences. (dollar, wrestle, kidney, odor)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

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

ro/bot

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

rab/bit

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, say its two syllables, and circle OPEN or CLOSED for its first syllable.

1. napkin — OPEN CLOSED
2. basket — OPEN CLOSED
3. tiger — OPEN CLOSED
4. dentist — OPEN CLOSED
5. paper — OPEN CLOSED
6. pilot — OPEN CLOSED
7. picnic — OPEN CLOSED
8. pumpkin — 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 and explain how you knew where it belongs. MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new two-syllable word for each group, and put a slash between its syllables.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a new OPEN word and a new CLOSED word, and put a slash between the syllables in both words.

ANSWER KEY # Syllable Doorways

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	napkin	**CLOSED**	nap/kin: nap ends in a consonant and has a short a.
2	basket	**CLOSED**	bas/ket: bas ends in a consonant and has a short a.
3	tiger	**OPEN**	ti/ger: ti ends in a vowel and has a long i.
4	dentist	**CLOSED**	den/tist: den ends in a consonant and has a short e.
5	paper	**OPEN**	pa/per: pa ends in a vowel and has a long a.
6	pilot	**OPEN**	pi/lot: pi ends in a vowel and has a long i.
7	picnic	**CLOSED**	pic/nic: pic ends in a consonant and has a short i.
8	pumpkin	**CLOSED**	pump/kin: pump ends in a consonant and has a short u.

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**: mag/net

Challenge: The ba/by saw a sun/set.

Sample proof: In tiger, ti ends in a vowel and has a long i. In napkin, nap ends in a consonant and has a short a.