First Syllable Sort

Read, sort, and write two-syllable words.

RF.4-5.3.b "Read (decode) and write (encode) multi-syllable words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN

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

ze/ro

CLOSED

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

cab/in

1 SORT

8 items

Circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable of each word, then choose two words and explain how you knew.

1.	rab/bit	OPEN CLOSED
2.	bas/ket	OPEN CLOSED
3.	ti/ger	OPEN CLOSED
4.	nap/kin	OPEN CLOSED
5.	ro/bot	OPEN CLOSED
6.	pa/per	OPEN CLOSED
7.	pen/cil	OPEN CLOSED
8.	mu/sic	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, and divide each word with a slash.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word, divide it with slashes, and label its first syllable OPEN or CLOSED.

ANSWER KEY # First Syllable Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rab/bit	**CLOSED**	Rab ends in b and has a short a sound.
2	bas/ket	**CLOSED**	Bas ends in s and has a short a sound.
3	ti/ger	**OPEN**	Ti ends in a vowel with a long i sound.
4	nap/kin	**CLOSED**	Nap ends in p and has a short a sound.
5	ro/bot	**OPEN**	Ro ends in a vowel with a long o sound.
6	pa/per	**OPEN**	Pa ends in a vowel with a long a sound.
7	pen/cil	**CLOSED**	Pen ends in n and has a short e sound.
8	mu/sic	**OPEN**	Mu ends in a vowel with a long u 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)

- **OPEN**: mo/tor
- **CLOSED**: sun/set

Challenge: oc/to/pus, CLOSED

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the final letter of the first syllable and describe its vowel sound. For Part 3, check that each new word is divided into the requested number of syllables and fits its label.