

Vowel Sound Switch

Listen for the vowel sound in each word.

2RF3.a "Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words (including common vowel teams)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

LONG VOWEL

A long vowel sound says the vowel's name. It can be spelled with a silent e or a vowel team.

rope

SHORT VOWEL

A short vowel sound does not say the vowel's name. Listen closely to the middle sound.

fin

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle LONG or SHORT for each word; then, in PROVE IT, pick two words and tell which vowel sound and spelling helped you sort each one.

1. rain

LONG

SHORT

2. bed

LONG

SHORT

3. goat

LONG

SHORT

4. lip

LONG

SHORT

5. sun

LONG

SHORT

6. cube

LONG

SHORT

7. seed

LONG

SHORT

8. map

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

In MAKE YOUR OWN, write one new one-syllable word for LONG and one new one-syllable word for SHORT.

LONG _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a new one-syllable long-vowel word and a new one-syllable short-vowel word.
Underline both vowel spellings.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rain	LONG	The vowel team ai spells long a.
2	bed	SHORT	The e has the short e sound.
3	goat	LONG	The vowel team oa spells long o.
4	lip	SHORT	The i has the short i sound.
5	sun	SHORT	The u has the short u sound.
6	cube	LONG	The silent e helps u say its name.
7	seed	LONG	The vowel team ee spells long e.
8	map	SHORT	The a has the short a 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:** lake
- **SHORT:** jet

Challenge: A boat floats by a frog.

Answers: 1 LONG, 2 SHORT, 3 LONG, 4 SHORT, 5 SHORT, 6 LONG, 7 LONG, 8 SHORT. For PROVE IT, accept an explanation that names the vowel sound and points to its spelling, such as a vowel team or silent e.