

First Vowel Detectives

Listen to the first vowel sound in each two-syllable word.

2RF3.b "Decode short and long vowel sounds in two-syllable words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

LONG FIRST VOWEL

Choose LONG when the vowel in the first syllable says its letter name. In *tiny*, the first i says /ī/.

tiny

SHORT FIRST VOWEL

Choose SHORT when the vowel in the first syllable has a short sound. In *picnic*, the first i says /i/.

picnic

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, circle LONG or SHORT for its first vowel sound, then choose two words and tell which sound you heard in the first syllable.

1. paper

LONG

SHORT

2. robot

LONG

SHORT

3. rabbit

LONG

SHORT

4. baby

LONG

SHORT

5. lemon

LONG

SHORT

6. basket

LONG

SHORT

7. bonus

LONG

SHORT

8. broken

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

Write one new two-syllable word with a LONG first vowel and one new two-syllable word with a SHORT first vowel.

LONG _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a new two-syllable word, draw a slash between its syllables, underline the first vowel, and write LONG or SHORT.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	paper	LONG	The first syllable, pa, has long a, / ā/.
2	robot	LONG	The first syllable, ro, has long o, / ō/.
3	rabbit	SHORT	The first syllable, rab, has short a, / ă/.
4	baby	LONG	The first syllable, ba, has long a, / ā/.
5	lemon	SHORT	The first syllable, lem, has short e, / ě/.
6	basket	SHORT	The first syllable, bas, has short a, / ă/.
7	bonus	LONG	The first syllable, bo, has long o, / ō/.
8	broken	LONG	The first syllable, bro, has long o, / ō/.

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:** frozen
- **SHORT:** cabin

Challenge: sj/lent, LONG

For Part 2, check that the student names the first syllable and identifies its vowel sound as long or short. Part 3 answers may vary if each word has two syllables and the first vowel is sorted correctly.