Vowel Sound Sort

Look at the end of each word to help you read it.

2.2.PWS.2 "Students will decode words by applying knowledge of all major syllable types: a. closed b. open c. vowel digraphs d. vowel-consonant-silent e e. r-controlled f. consonant +le"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CLOSED

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

fin

SILENT E

In a silent e syllable, a consonant and a silent e come after the first vowel. The first vowel usually says its name.

pine

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle CLOSED or SILENT E for each word, and for Part 2, choose two words and write how you knew where they belong.

1.	cap	CLOSED SILENT E
2.	cape	CLOSED SILENT E
3.	kite	CLOSED SILENT E
4.	kit	CLOSED SILENT E
5.	hop	CLOSED SILENT E
6.	hope	CLOSED SILENT E
7.	mud	CLOSED SILENT E
8.	pet	CLOSED SILENT E

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

For Part 3, write one new CLOSED word and one new SILENT E word.

CLOSED _____

SILENT E _____

CHALLENGE

Write a CLOSED word that becomes a SILENT E word when you add e, then tell how the vowel sound changes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	cap	**CLOSED**	The word ends in p, and a has a short sound.
2	cape	**SILENT E**	A consonant and silent e follow a, giving it a long sound.
3	kite	**SILENT E**	A consonant and silent e follow i, giving it a long sound.
4	kit	**CLOSED**	The word ends in t, and i has a short sound.
5	hop	**CLOSED**	The word ends in p, and o has a short sound.
6	hope	**SILENT E**	A consonant and silent e follow o, giving it a long sound.
7	mud	**CLOSED**	The word ends in d, and u has a short sound.
8	pet	**CLOSED**	The word ends in t, and e has a short 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)

- **CLOSED**: rug
- **SILENT E**: lake

Challenge: Tap becomes tape. The a in tap is short, but the a in tape is long.

For Part 2, accept two correctly sorted words with reasons based on their endings and vowel sounds. For example, cap ends in p and has a short a sound, while cape ends in silent e and has a long a sound.