Word Clue Sort

Sort words by their spelling clues.

3.2.SE.2 "Students will use correct spelling when writing the following syllable types in single-syllable and multisyllabic words: • vowel digraphs • consonant + -le"

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VOWEL DIGRAPH

A vowel digraph has two vowel letters together that make one vowel sound.

rain

CONSONANT + LE

Some words end in a syllable made of a consonant followed by le. The e is silent.

table

1 SORT

8 items

Circle a category for each word, then choose two words and explain which letters helped you sort them.

1.	boat	VOWELS	ENDING
2.	peach	VOWELS	ENDING
3.	sleep	VOWELS	ENDING
4.	candle	VOWELS	ENDING
5.	train	VOWELS	ENDING
6.	turtle	VOWELS	ENDING
7.	apple	VOWELS	ENDING
8.	soap	VOWELS	ENDING

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 vowel-digraph word and one new consonant + le word.

VOWELS _____

ENDING _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a new word from each category, and underline both words.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	boat	**VOWELS**	The letters oa make one vowel sound.
2	peach	**VOWELS**	The letters ea make one vowel sound.
3	sleep	**VOWELS**	The letters ee make one vowel sound.
4	candle	**ENDING**	The word ends in the consonant + le syllable dle.
5	train	**VOWELS**	The letters ai make one vowel sound.
6	turtle	**ENDING**	The word ends in the consonant + le syllable tle.
7	apple	**ENDING**	The word ends in the consonant + le syllable ple.
8	soap	**VOWELS**	The letters oa make one vowel 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)

- **VOWELS**: seed
- **ENDING**: bubble

Challenge: The goat ate beside the maple tree.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the vowel digraph or the final consonant + le syllable in each chosen word. For example, boat has oa, and candle ends in dle.