Vowel Word Sort

Spell words with short and long vowels.

2.LF.38.d "Encode one- and two-syllable words with long and short vowel patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SHORT VOWEL

A short vowel makes its quick sound. Write one vowel before the last consonant.

mud

LONG VOWEL

A long vowel says its name. Write the vowel, a consonant, and a silent e.

mule

1 SORT

8 items

Use each clue to fill in the missing vowel, then circle SHORT or LONG.

1. c_p (a hat) — SHORT LONG
2. p_n (a writing tool) — SHORT LONG
3. n_me (what people call you) — SHORT LONG
4. h_p (jump on one foot) — SHORT LONG
5. c_be (a small block) — SHORT LONG
6. l_ke (a large body of water) — SHORT LONG
7. n_se (part of your face) — SHORT LONG
8. r_g (a small floor cover) — SHORT LONG

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two words from Part 1 and tell how you knew where each belongs.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new SHORT word and one new LONG word.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a short vowel word, then add silent e to make a long vowel word. Write both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	c_p (a hat)	**SHORT**	Cap has a short a and ends with a consonant.
2	p_n (a writing tool)	**SHORT**	Pen has a short e and ends with a consonant.
3	n_me (what people call you)	**LONG**	Name has a long a and a silent e.
4	h_p (jump on one foot)	**SHORT**	Hop has a short o and ends with a consonant.
5	c_be (a small block)	**LONG**	Cube has a long u and a silent e.
6	l_ke (a large body of water)	**LONG**	Lake has a long a and a silent e.
7	n_se (part of your face)	**LONG**	Nose has a long o and a silent e.
8	r_g (a small floor cover)	**SHORT**	Rug has a short u and ends with a consonant.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two words from Part 1 and tell how you knew where each belongs.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SHORT**: fin
- **LONG**: tape

Challenge: rid, ride

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the vowel sound and the word ending. For example, cap has a short a and ends with a consonant; name has a long a and ends with a silent e.