Buzz or Puff?

Sort words by their first sound.

2.LF.8 "Apply knowledge of voiced and unvoiced sounds and manner of articulation to distinguish between commonly-confused vowel sounds and commonly-confused cognate consonant sounds."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BUZZING /B/

Your lips touch to make /b/. Put your hand on your throat as you say it. You can feel a buzz.

ball

PUFFING /P/

Your lips touch to make /p/, too. You feel a puff of air, but no buzz in your throat.

pig

1 SORT

8 items

Say the first sound in each word and circle BUZZ or PUFF, then choose one word from each group and explain how you knew where it belongs.

1. bike — BUZZ PUFF
2. bus — BUZZ PUFF
3. pan — BUZZ PUFF
4. boat — BUZZ PUFF
5. pie — BUZZ PUFF
6. pen — BUZZ PUFF
7. park — BUZZ PUFF
8. bed — BUZZ PUFF

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one word from each group and explain how you knew where it belongs.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word for BUZZ and one new word for PUFF. Do not use words already on this page.

BUZZ _____

PUFF _____

CHALLENGE

Write two new words that are the same except for their first sound. Start one with /b/ and the other with /p/.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bike	**BUZZ**	Begins with voiced /b/.
2	bus	**BUZZ**	Begins with voiced /b/.
3	pan	**PUFF**	Begins with unvoiced /p/.
4	boat	**BUZZ**	Begins with voiced /b/.
5	pie	**PUFF**	Begins with unvoiced /p/.
6	pen	**PUFF**	Begins with unvoiced /p/.
7	park	**PUFF**	Begins with unvoiced /p/.
8	bed	**BUZZ**	Begins with voiced /b/.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one word from each group and explain how you knew where it belongs.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **BUZZ**: bun
- **PUFF**: pot

Challenge: bat, pat

For Part 2, a student might explain that bike begins with a throat buzz, while pan begins with a puff and no buzz. Accept other accurate explanations that compare the first sounds.