Which Sound Left?

Listen for the missing sound in each blend.

2.LF.9.b "Delete the initial sound in an initial blend in a one-syllable base word."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FIRST SOUND GONE

The first sound in the blend is gone. The next sound starts the new word.

smile → mile

SECOND SOUND GONE

The second sound in the blend is gone. The first sound still starts the new word.

clap → cap

1 SORT

8 items

Say each pair aloud, then circle FIRST or SECOND to show which sound is gone.

1. slip → lip — FIRST SECOND
2. train → rain — FIRST SECOND
3. plug → pug — FIRST SECOND
4. spin → pin — FIRST SECOND
5. frog → fog — FIRST SECOND
6. glow → go — FIRST SECOND
7. snap → nap — FIRST SECOND
8. trap → rap — FIRST SECOND

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two numbered pairs and tell which sound is gone in each.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word pair for FIRST and one for SECOND.

FIRST _____

SECOND _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one new word that starts with a blend, then write two new words: one with its first sound gone and one with its second sound gone.

ANSWER KEY

Which Sound Left?

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	slip → lip	**FIRST**	The first sound, /s/, is gone.
2	train → rain	**FIRST**	The first sound, /t/, is gone.
3	plug → pug	**SECOND**	The second sound, /l/, is gone.
4	spin → pin	**FIRST**	The first sound, /s/, is gone.
5	frog → fog	**SECOND**	The second sound, /r/, is gone.
6	glow → go	**SECOND**	The second sound, /l/, is gone.
7	snap → nap	**FIRST**	The first sound, /s/, is gone.
8	trap → rap	**FIRST**	The first sound, /t/, is gone.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two numbered pairs and tell which sound is gone in each.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FIRST**: brag → rag
- **SECOND**: slap → sap

Challenge: slow → low (first sound gone); slow → so (second sound gone)

For PROVE IT, accept two numbered pairs with the correct missing sound named. For example, in item 3, /l/ is gone, so it belongs in SECOND.