Vowel Sound Sort

Sort words, explain two choices, then make your own.

2.W.8.c.I "Correctly spelling words with short and long vowel sounds, r-controlled vowels, and consonant-blend patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SHORT VOWEL

The vowel makes a short sound. In these words, a consonant comes right after the vowel.

hen

LONG VOWEL

The vowel says its name. In these words, a silent e at the end helps it do that.

lake

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle SHORT or LONG for each word; for Part 2, pick one word from each group and explain how you knew.

1. fin — SHORT LONG
2. tap — SHORT LONG
3. bike — SHORT LONG
4. ride — SHORT LONG
5. name — SHORT LONG
6. cut — SHORT LONG
7. cone — SHORT LONG
8. rod — SHORT LONG

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick one word from each group and explain how you knew.

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. Do not use words already on this page.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a short-vowel word. Add e to make a long-vowel word. Explain what happens to the vowel sound.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	fin	**SHORT**	The i has a short sound.
2	tap	**SHORT**	The a has a short sound.
3	bike	**LONG**	The silent e helps the i say its name.
4	ride	**LONG**	The silent e helps the i say its name.
5	name	**LONG**	The silent e helps the a say its name.
6	cut	**SHORT**	The u has a short sound.
7	cone	**LONG**	The silent e helps the o say its name.
8	rod	**SHORT**	The o has a short sound.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

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

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SHORT**: bug
- **LONG**: five

Challenge: kit, kite. Adding e makes the i say its name.

Part 2 answers will vary. For example, fin has a short i sound, while bike has a long i sound because of the silent e.