Vowel Sound Switch

Sort words by their syllable pattern.

4.RF.1 "Use the six major syllable patterns (CVC, CVr, V, VV, VCe, Cle) to read unknown words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CLOSED

A CVC word has one vowel between two consonants. It ends in a consonant, and the vowel has a short sound.

rod

SILENT E

A VCe word has a vowel, a consonant, and a final silent e. The first vowel usually says its name.

rode

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word and circle CLOSED or MAGIC.

1.	fin	CLOSED	MAGIC
2.	cube	CLOSED	MAGIC
3.	tape	CLOSED	MAGIC
4.	hop	CLOSED	MAGIC
5.	mud	CLOSED	MAGIC
6.	pine	CLOSED	MAGIC
7.	kit	CLOSED	MAGIC
8.	pet	CLOSED	MAGIC

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two words you sorted and explain how you knew where each belongs.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CVC word and one new VCe word.

CLOSED _____

MAGIC _____

CHALLENGE

Write a CVC word, change it to a VCe word by adding e, and explain how the vowel sound changes.

ANSWER KEY # Vowel Sound Switch

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	fin	**CLOSED**	CVC pattern with a short i.
2	cube	**MAGIC**	VCe pattern with a long u.
3	tape	**MAGIC**	VCe pattern with a long a.
4	hop	**CLOSED**	CVC pattern with a short o.
5	mud	**CLOSED**	CVC pattern with a short u.
6	pine	**MAGIC**	VCe pattern with a long i.
7	kit	**CLOSED**	CVC pattern with a short i.
8	pet	**CLOSED**	CVC pattern with a short e.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two words you sorted and explain 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)

- **CLOSED**: sun
- **MAGIC**: game

Challenge: mad, made. The a is short in mad and long in made.

For Part 2, students should name a spelling clue and the vowel sound for each chosen word. For example, fin ends in a consonant and has a short i, while cube ends in silent e and has a long u.