Word Detective Sort

Listen for the sound that surprises you.

2.2.F.1 "Students will expand their sight word vocabulary by reading regularly- and irregularly-spelled words in isolation and context with increasing automaticity."

NAME _____ DATE _____

REGULAR

In a REGULAR word, the letters make the sounds you expect. Sound out each letter to read the word.

sun

TRICKY

In a TRICKY word, at least one part does not sound the way you expect. Remember that part by heart.

of

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1 SORT: Read each word and circle REGULAR or TRICKY; Part 2 PROVE IT: Pick one word from each group and explain how its spelling helped you choose.

1. map REGULAR TRICKY

2. frog REGULAR TRICKY

3. said REGULAR TRICKY

4. drum REGULAR TRICKY

5. one REGULAR TRICKY

6. two REGULAR TRICKY

7. plant REGULAR TRICKY

8. was REGULAR TRICKY

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick one word from each group and explain how its spelling helped you choose.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new REGULAR word and one new TRICKY word.

REGULAR _____

TRICKY _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a new REGULAR word and a new TRICKY word, then underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	map	**REGULAR**	Each letter makes its expected sound.
2	frog	**REGULAR**	The letters make their expected sounds, including the short o.
3	said	**TRICKY**	The letters ai make the short e sound.
4	drum	**REGULAR**	The letters make their expected sounds, including the short u.
5	one	**TRICKY**	Its spelling does not show the initial w sound.
6	two	**TRICKY**	The w is silent.
7	plant	**REGULAR**	The letters make their expected sounds, including the short a.
8	was	**TRICKY**	The a does not make its expected short a sound.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

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

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **REGULAR**: hop
- **TRICKY**: have

Challenge: I sit with some pals.

For Part 2, a student might explain that map is REGULAR because each letter makes its expected sound, while said is TRICKY because ai makes the short e sound. Accept other accurate, sound-based explanations.