Syllable Sort

Look at the last letter to help spell each word.

2.2.SE.2 "Students will use correct spelling when writing the following syllable types in single-syllable and multisyllabic words: a. closed b. open c. vowel-consonant-silent e d. r-controlled"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CLOSED

A closed syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel usually makes a short sound.

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OPEN

An open syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually says its name.

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1 SORT

8 items

Circle CLOSED or OPEN for each word, then pick two words, one from each group, and explain how you knew.

1.	rug	CLOSED OPEN
2.	fin	CLOSED OPEN
3.	no	CLOSED OPEN
4.	sock	CLOSED OPEN
5.	mud	CLOSED OPEN
6.	hen	CLOSED OPEN
7.	he	CLOSED OPEN
8.	so	CLOSED OPEN

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two words, one 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 closed-syllable word and one new open-syllable word that are not on this page.

CLOSED _____

OPEN _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with a closed first syllable and an open second syllable, and put a slash between the syllables.

ANSWER KEY # Syllable Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rug	**CLOSED**	It ends in g, and u has a short sound.
2	fin	**CLOSED**	It ends in n, and i has a short sound.
3	no	**OPEN**	It ends in o, which says its name.
4	sock	**CLOSED**	It ends in consonants, and o has a short sound.
5	mud	**CLOSED**	It ends in d, and u has a short sound.
6	hen	**CLOSED**	It ends in n, and e has a short sound.
7	he	**OPEN**	It ends in e, which says its name.
8	so	**OPEN**	It ends in o, which says its name.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two words, one 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)

- **CLOSED**: bed
- **OPEN**: go

Challenge: hip/po

For Part 2, a student might explain that rug is closed because it ends in g, while no is open because it ends in o. Accept other correctly spelled words that fit each category.