Syllable Sort

Check how the first syllable ends.

4.2.SE.1 "Students will use correct spelling when writing unfamiliar and multisyllabic words, using their combined knowledge of the following skills: • letter-sound correspondences • all major syllable types (i.e., closed, consonant +le, open..."

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OPEN SYLLABLE

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

ze/ro

CLOSED SYLLABLE

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

vel/vet

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1 SORT, circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable of each word, then for Part 2 PROVE IT, pick one word from each category and explain how you knew.

1.	ro/bot	OPEN	CLOSED
2.	nap/kin	OPEN	CLOSED
3.	bas/ket	OPEN	CLOSED
4.	ti/ger	OPEN	CLOSED
5.	mu/sic	OPEN	CLOSED
6.	rab/bit	OPEN	CLOSED
7.	pa/per	OPEN	CLOSED
8.	ba/by	OPEN	CLOSED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

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

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new two-syllable word for each category, using a slash to show where the syllables split.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word that begins with a CLOSED syllable followed by an OPEN syllable; use slashes to split it and label those two syllables.

ANSWER KEY

Syllable Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	ro/bot	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ro, ends in the vowel o.
2	nap/kin	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, nap, ends in the consonant p.
3	bas/ket	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, bas, ends in the consonant s.
4	ti/ger	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ti, ends in the vowel i.
5	mu/sic	**OPEN**	The first syllable, mu, ends in the vowel u.
6	rab/bit	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, rab, ends in the consonant b.
7	pa/per	**OPEN**	The first syllable, pa, ends in the vowel a.
8	ba/by	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ba, ends in the vowel a.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick one word from each category 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)

- **OPEN**: pi/lot
- **CLOSED**: sun/set

Challenge: vol/ca/no: vol is CLOSED; ca is OPEN.

For Part 2, a student might write: ro/bot is OPEN because ro ends in o. Nap/kin is CLOSED because nap ends in p.