Hyphen Break Check

Spot word breaks that work.

2.L.GC.1.26 "Mechanics: Use hyphens to divide words at line breaks. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT BREAK

The hyphen is at the end of a line. The word is broken between parts that sound right together.

bas-
ket

WRONG BREAK

The break cuts through a word part. Keep the word together or break it in a different place.

muff-
in

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RIGHT or WRONG for each word break, then choose two items and explain why each break is right or wrong.

1. rab-
bit — RIGHT WRONG

2. nap-
ping — RIGHT WRONG

3. wi-
ndow — RIGHT WRONG

4. pic-
nic — RIGHT WRONG

5. sunsh-
ine — RIGHT WRONG

6. ki-
tten — RIGHT WRONG

7. rain-
bow

RIGHT WRONG

8. ta-
ble

RIGHT WRONG

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new RIGHT word break and one new WRONG word break. End the first line with a hyphen and start the rest of the word on the next line.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a two-syllable word at the end of the first line, and use a correct hyphen break.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rab- bit	**RIGHT**	Rabbit is correctly divided between its syllables, rab-bit.
2	nap- ping	**RIGHT**	Napping is correctly divided between its syllables, nap-ping.
3	wi- ndow	**WRONG**	The break cuts through the first syllable of window. The first syllable is win.
4	pic- nic	**RIGHT**	Picnic is correctly divided between its syllables, pic-nic.
5	sunsh- ine	**WRONG**	The break cuts through the word part sunshine. It can be divided sun-shine.
6	ki- tten	**WRONG**	The break cuts through the first syllable of kitten. It can be divided kit-ten.
7	rain- bow	**RIGHT**	Rainbow is correctly divided between its syllables, rain-bow.
8	ta- ble	**RIGHT**	Table is correctly divided between its syllables, ta-ble.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **RIGHT**: gar-
  den
- **WRONG**: pu-
  ppy

Challenge: The little rock-
et flew high.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other correct word breaks that keep syllables or meaningful word parts together. In Part 2, look for the student to name a word part or syllable that was kept together or cut apart. Actual hard line breaks show the continued word on a new line in the rule examples, each item, own examples and challenge model. RIGHT1,2,4,7,8; WRONG3,5,6. In student work check both the physical end-of-line hyphen and a valid syllable/word-part division.