# Syllable Door Sort

Look at the first syllable in each word.

**3.2.A.ii** "decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

**OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE**

An open syllable ends with a vowel. The vowel usually says its long sound.

lo-cate

**CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE**

A closed syllable ends with a consonant. The vowel usually says its short sound.

pic-nic

## 1 SORT

8 items

Read each syllable, blend the syllables, and read the whole word to your teacher. Then circle OPEN or CLOSED for its first syllable and explain two choices.

1. sun-set — OPEN CLOSED
2. mu-sic — OPEN CLOSED
3. ti-ger — OPEN CLOSED
4. nap-kin — OPEN CLOSED
5. rab-bit — OPEN CLOSED
6. pa-per — OPEN CLOSED
7. den-tist — OPEN CLOSED
8. ba-by — OPEN CLOSED

## 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** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new two-syllable word with an open first syllable and one new two-syllable word with a closed first syllable. Divide each word, sound out its syllables, and read the whole word to your teacher.

**OPEN** _____

**CLOSED** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write a three-syllable word, divide it with hyphens, and label its first syllable OPEN or CLOSED.

**ANSWER KEY** # Syllable Door Sort

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## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | sun-set | **CLOSED** | The first syllable, sun, ends with the consonant n. |
| 2 | mu-sic | **OPEN** | The first syllable, mu, ends with the vowel u. |
| 3 | ti-ger | **OPEN** | The first syllable, ti, ends with the vowel i. |
| 4 | nap-kin | **CLOSED** | The first syllable, nap, ends with the consonant p. |
| 5 | rab-bit | **CLOSED** | The first syllable, rab, ends with the consonant b. |
| 6 | pa-per | **OPEN** | The first syllable, pa, ends with the vowel a. |
| 7 | den-tist | **CLOSED** | The first syllable, den, ends with the consonant n. |
| 8 | ba-by | **OPEN** | The first syllable, ba, ends with the vowel a. |

## 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)

- **OPEN**: la-dy
- **CLOSED**: lem-on

**Challenge:** el-e-phant, CLOSED

For Part 2, students should name the first syllable and tell whether it ends in a vowel or consonant. Accept different correct words in Part 3 and the challenge when the syllable division and label are correct. Before sorting, model sounding and blending lo-cate and pic-nic. Listen to each learner read the item words and new words; note accuracy, support needed, and successful self-corrections. Prompt the learner to use the vowel pattern and blend again when needed. Classification alone does not complete the reading step.