First Syllable Sort

Split each word, then sort its first syllable.

2.RF.3.g "Decode 2-syllable words that follow all syllable patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

The first syllable ends in a vowel. That vowel says its name.

ro/bot

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

The first syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel has a short sound.

rab/bit

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1, read each word, split it into syllables, and circle OPEN or CLOSED for its first syllable; in Part 2, choose two words and explain how you knew.

1. 1. tiger OPEN CLOSED

2. 2. music OPEN CLOSED

3. 3. basket OPEN CLOSED

4. 4. napkin OPEN CLOSED

5. 5. picnic OPEN CLOSED

6. 6. paper OPEN CLOSED

7. 7. sunset OPEN CLOSED

8. 8. hotel 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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new two-syllable word with an OPEN first syllable and one with a CLOSED first syllable. Split each word into syllables.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one more two-syllable word, split it, and explain whether its first syllable is OPEN or CLOSED.

ANSWER KEY # First Syllable Sort

GRADE 2 · 2.RF.3.g

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. tiger	**OPEN**	ti/ger: ti ends in a vowel that says its name.
2	2. music	**OPEN**	mu/sic: mu ends in a vowel that says its name.
3	3. basket	**CLOSED**	bas/ket: bas ends in a consonant, and a has a short sound.
4	4. napkin	**CLOSED**	nap/kin: nap ends in a consonant, and a has a short sound.
5	5. picnic	**CLOSED**	pic/nic: pic ends in a consonant, and i has a short sound.
6	6. paper	**OPEN**	pa/per: pa ends in a vowel that says its name.
7	7. sunset	**CLOSED**	sun/set: sun ends in a consonant, and u has a short sound.
8	8. hotel	**OPEN**	ho/tel: ho ends in a vowel that says its name.

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**: spi/der
- **CLOSED**: den/tist

Challenge: ze/ro: ze is OPEN because it ends in a vowel that says its name.

For Part 2, look for explanations that name the first syllable and tell whether it ends in a vowel or consonant. For Part 3, accept other correctly split two-syllable words that fit the categories.