Syllable Word Sort

Listen to the first syllable

2.RF.3.h "Encode 2-syllable words using open syllables, closed syllables, silent e syllables, vowel-r patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

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

ze/ro

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

pic/nic

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable of each word; for Part 2, choose two words and explain how you knew.

1. ti/ger — OPEN CLOSED
2. rab/bit — OPEN CLOSED
3. nap/kin — OPEN CLOSED
4. bas/ket — OPEN CLOSED
5. pa/per — OPEN CLOSED
6. mu/sic — OPEN CLOSED
7. sun/set — OPEN CLOSED
8. ro/bot — 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; put a slash between the syllables.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with an open first syllable, then add one letter to make a new word with a closed first syllable; put a slash between the syllables in both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	ti/ger	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ti, ends in a vowel.
2	rab/bit	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, rab, ends in a consonant.
3	nap/kin	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, nap, ends in a consonant.
4	bas/ket	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, bas, ends in a consonant.
5	pa/per	**OPEN**	The first syllable, pa, ends in a vowel.
6	mu/sic	**OPEN**	The first syllable, mu, ends in a vowel.
7	sun/set	**CLOSED**	The first syllable, sun, ends in a consonant.
8	ro/bot	**OPEN**	The first syllable, ro, ends in a vowel.

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**: ba/by
- **CLOSED**: kit/ten

Challenge: ho/ly, hol/ly

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify whether the first syllable ends in a vowel or consonant. For Part 3, check that each new word has two syllables and the marked first syllable matches its category.