Syllable Sort

Listen to the first syllable.

2.RF.3 "Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. Decode and encode two-syllable words with both long and short vowels, following regular phonics patterns..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

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

ze/ro

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

bas/ket

1 SORT

8 items

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

1. rab/bit — OPEN CLOSED

2. pi/lot — OPEN CLOSED

3. pa/per — OPEN CLOSED

4. kit/ten — OPEN CLOSED

5. sun/set — OPEN CLOSED

6. mo/ment — OPEN CLOSED

7. pen/cil — 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 new two-syllable word with an open first syllable and a closed second syllable, then tell the sound of each vowel.

ANSWER KEY # Syllable Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rab/bit	**CLOSED**	Rab ends in the consonant b and has a short a sound.
2	pi/lot	**OPEN**	Pi ends in the vowel i, which has a long sound.
3	pa/per	**OPEN**	Pa ends in the vowel a, which has a long sound.
4	kit/ten	**CLOSED**	Kit ends in the consonant t and has a short i sound.
5	sun/set	**CLOSED**	Sun ends in the consonant n and has a short u sound.
6	mo/ment	**OPEN**	Mo ends in the vowel o, which has a long sound.
7	pen/cil	**CLOSED**	Pen ends in the consonant n and has a short e sound.
8	ro/bot	**OPEN**	Ro ends in the vowel o, which has a long sound.

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**: mag/net

Challenge: ho/tel: The o in ho is long. The e in tel is short.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the first syllable and whether it ends in a vowel or consonant. For example, rab/bit is CLOSED because rab ends in b; pi/lot is OPEN because pi ends in i.