

Vowel Sound Sort

Listen for the first vowel sound.

2.2.A.ii "distinguishing between long and short vowel sounds in one-syllable and multi-syllable words;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

LONG FIRST VOWEL

Listen to the first vowel sound in the word. It is long when it says its name.

train

SHORT FIRST VOWEL

Listen to the first vowel sound in the word. It is short when it does not say its name.

red

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle LONG or SHORT for each word, then choose two words and tell how each first vowel sound helped you decide.

1. cat

LONG

SHORT

2. paper

LONG

SHORT

3. hotel

LONG

SHORT

4. fish

LONG

SHORT

5. window

LONG

SHORT

6. cube

LONG

SHORT

7. basket

LONG

SHORT

8. robot

LONG

SHORT

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 word with a LONG first vowel sound and one new word with a SHORT first vowel sound.

LONG _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word. Tell whether its first vowel sound is LONG or SHORT.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	cat	SHORT	The first vowel, a, has the short /ă/ sound.
2	paper	LONG	The first vowel, a, has the long /ā/ sound.
3	hotel	LONG	The first vowel, o, has the long /ō/ sound.
4	fish	SHORT	The first vowel, i, has the short /ĭ/ sound.
5	window	SHORT	The first vowel, i, has the short /ĭ/ sound.
6	cube	LONG	The first vowel, u, has the long /yoo/ sound.
7	basket	SHORT	The first vowel, a, has the short /ă/ sound.
8	robot	LONG	The first vowel, o, has the long /ō/ 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)

- **LONG:** goat
- **SHORT:** drum

Challenge: music, LONG

Sort answers: 1 SHORT, 2 LONG, 3 LONG, 4 SHORT, 5 SHORT, 6 LONG, 7 SHORT, 8 LONG. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the first vowel sound and identify it as long or short.