# 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** _____

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## 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.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## 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

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the first vowel sound and identify it as long or short.