

Syllable Door Sort

Sort words by the ending of the first syllable.

2.2.B.v “decoding words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open first syllable ends in a vowel. In many VCV words, split after the first vowel to make an open first syllable.

tu/lip

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

A closed first syllable ends in a consonant. Many VCCV and VCCCV words have a closed first syllable.

mag/net

1 SORT

8 items

Read each divided word aloud, circle OPEN or CLOSED, then choose two words for Part 2 and tell whether each first syllable ends in a vowel or a consonant.

1. rab/bit

OPEN

CLOSED

2. nap/kin

OPEN

CLOSED

3. mu/sic

OPEN

CLOSED

4. hun/dred

OPEN

CLOSED

5. ro/bot

OPEN

CLOSED

6. ti/ger

OPEN

CLOSED

7. sand/wich

OPEN

CLOSED

8. pa/per

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 divided two-syllable word for OPEN and one new divided two-syllable word for CLOSED.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word with an OPEN first syllable. Mark each syllable with slashes and write OPEN or CLOSED.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rab/bit	CLOSED	The first syllable, rab, ends in b, a consonant.
2	nap/kin	CLOSED	The first syllable, nap, ends in p, a consonant.
3	mu/sic	OPEN	The first syllable, mu, ends in u, a vowel.
4	hun/dred	CLOSED	The first syllable, hun, ends in n, a consonant. This word has a VCCCV pattern.
5	ro/bot	OPEN	The first syllable, ro, ends in o, a vowel.
6	ti/ger	OPEN	The first syllable, ti, ends in i, a vowel.
7	sand/wich	CLOSED	The first syllable, sand, ends in d, a consonant.
8	pa/per	OPEN	The first syllable, pa, ends in a, 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:** ze/ro
- **CLOSED:** sun/set

Challenge: ba/na/na, OPEN

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the ending of the first syllable, vowel for OPEN or consonant for CLOSED. Part 3 answers may vary if the syllable divisions and category labels are correct.