

Short or Silent?

Sort short-vowel and silent-e spelling patterns.

2.2.C.i "spelling one-syllable and multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r- controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CLOSED-SYLLABLE WORD

A closed syllable has a vowel followed by a consonant. The vowel usually makes its short sound.

pet

SILENT-E WORD

A silent-e word ends with vowel, consonant, e. The silent e helps the first vowel say its name.

tape

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Part 1: Read each word and circle CLOSED or SILENT; Part 2: Pick two words and explain how the spelling pattern helped you sort each one.

1. 1. basket

CLOSED

SILENT

2. 2. sunset

CLOSED

SILENT

3. 3. cube

CLOSED

SILENT

4. 4. napkin

CLOSED

SILENT

5. 5. dime

CLOSED

SILENT

6. 6. crane

CLOSED

SILENT

7. 7. picnic

CLOSED

SILENT

8. 8. fabric

CLOSED

SILENT

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

Part 3: Write one new CLOSED word and one new SILENT word. Do not copy a word from Part 1.

CLOSED _____

SILENT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with a closed first syllable. Divide it with a slash and circle the short-vowel syllable.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. basket	CLOSED	bas/ket has closed syllables with short vowels.
2	2. sunset	CLOSED	sun/set has closed syllables with short vowels.
3	3. cube	SILENT	cube has the vowel-consonant-e pattern, and the u is long.
4	4. napkin	CLOSED	nap/kin has closed syllables with short vowels.
5	5. dime	SILENT	dime has the vowel-consonant-e pattern, and the i is long.
6	6. crane	SILENT	crane has the vowel-consonant-e pattern, and the a is long.
7	7. picnic	CLOSED	pic/nic has closed syllables with short vowels.
8	8. fabric	CLOSED	fab/ric has closed syllables with short vowels.

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)

- **CLOSED:** helmet
- **SILENT:** slide

Challenge: mag/net, with mag circled

Part 1 answers are shown in the category field for each item. For Part 2, accept explanations that name a consonant closing the vowel or a silent e making the vowel long.