

Consonant Clues

Sort two-syllable words by the consonants in the middle.

2.2.C.v “spelling words using knowledge of syllable division patterns, including words with double consonants in the middle of the word; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

MATCHING PAIR

These words have the same consonant twice in the middle. Divide between the matching consonants to help spell the word.

din-ner

MIXED PAIR

These words have two different consonants in the middle. Divide between the consonants and notice that they do not match.

sun-set

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle MATCHING or MIXED, then for Part 2, pick two words and tell how the middle consonants helped you sort them.

1. rabbit

MATCHING

MIXED

2. muffin

MATCHING

MIXED

3. napkin

MATCHING

MIXED

4. summer

MATCHING

MIXED

5. magnet

MATCHING

MIXED

6. cactus

MATCHING

MIXED

7. letter

MATCHING

MIXED

8. kitten

MATCHING

MIXED

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 a matching middle pair and one new two-syllable word with a mixed middle pair.
Divide each word into syllables.

MATCHING _____

MIXED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with matching middle consonants, divide it into syllables, and use the word in a sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rabbit	MATCHING	The middle consonants are bb, so it divides rab-bit.
2	muffin	MATCHING	The middle consonants are ff, so it divides muf-fin.
3	napkin	MIXED	The middle consonants are pk, so it divides nap-kin.
4	summer	MATCHING	The middle consonants are mm, so it divides sum-mer.
5	magnet	MIXED	The middle consonants are gn, so it divides mag-net.
6	cactus	MIXED	The middle consonants are ct, so it divides cac-tus.
7	letter	MATCHING	The middle consonants are tt, so it divides let-ter.
8	kitten	MATCHING	The middle consonants are tt, so it divides kit-ten.

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)

- **MATCHING:** soc-cer
- **MIXED:** pic-nic

Challenge: pil-low. I rest my head on a pillow.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should name the middle consonants in each chosen word and state whether the consonants match. Accept other correctly spelled two-syllable examples that fit each category.