

Syllable Door Sort

Look at the first syllable in each word.

3.2.A.ii “decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends with a vowel. The vowel usually says its long sound.

lo-cate

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

A closed syllable ends with a consonant. The vowel usually says its short sound.

pic-nic

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable, then choose two words and explain what helped you decide.

1. sun-set

OPEN

CLOSED

2. mu-sic

OPEN

CLOSED

3. ti-ger

OPEN

CLOSED

4. nap-kin

OPEN

CLOSED

5. rab-bit

OPEN

CLOSED

6. pa-per

OPEN

CLOSED

7. den-tist

OPEN

CLOSED

8. ba-by

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 two-syllable word with an open first syllable and one new two-syllable word with a closed first syllable.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word, divide it with hyphens, and label its first syllable OPEN or CLOSED.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	sun-set	CLOSED	The first syllable, sun, ends with the consonant n.
2	mu-sic	OPEN	The first syllable, mu, ends with the vowel u.
3	ti-ger	OPEN	The first syllable, ti, ends with the vowel i.
4	nap-kin	CLOSED	The first syllable, nap, ends with the consonant p.
5	rab-bit	CLOSED	The first syllable, rab, ends with the consonant b.
6	pa-per	OPEN	The first syllable, pa, ends with the vowel a.
7	den-tist	CLOSED	The first syllable, den, ends with the consonant n.
8	ba-by	OPEN	The first syllable, ba, ends with the vowel a.

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:** la-dy
- **CLOSED:** lem-on

Challenge: el-e-phant, CLOSED

For Part 2, students should name the first syllable and tell whether it ends in a vowel or consonant. Accept different correct words in Part 3 and the challenge when the syllable division and label are correct.