

Syllable Sidekicks

Sort words by the type of first syllable.

4.2.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 first syllable ends with a vowel. The vowel usually has its long sound.

ti/ger

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

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

pic/nic

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle OPEN or CLOSED for each word by looking at its first syllable, then choose two words and explain how each first syllable fits its category.

1. mu/sic

OPEN

CLOSED

2. pi/lot

OPEN

CLOSED

3. rab/bit

OPEN

CLOSED

4. tu/lip

OPEN

CLOSED

5. lem/on

OPEN

CLOSED

6. kit/ten

OPEN

CLOSED

7. sun/set

OPEN

CLOSED

8. lo/cate

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 word with an OPEN first syllable and one new word with a CLOSED first syllable. Divide each word with a slash.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-syllable word with an OPEN first syllable and a CLOSED last syllable. Divide it with slashes and label the first and last syllables.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	mu/sic	OPEN	The first syllable, mu, ends with a vowel.
2	pi/lot	OPEN	The first syllable, pi, ends with a vowel.
3	rab/bit	CLOSED	The first syllable, rab, ends with a consonant.
4	tu/lip	OPEN	The first syllable, tu, ends with a vowel.
5	lem/on	CLOSED	The first syllable, lem, ends with a consonant.
6	kit/ten	CLOSED	The first syllable, kit, ends with a consonant.
7	sun/set	CLOSED	The first syllable, sun, ends with a consonant.
8	lo/cate	OPEN	The first syllable, lo, ends with 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:** re/cess
- **CLOSED:** bas/ket

Challenge: o/pen/ing. The first syllable, o, is OPEN. The last syllable, ing, is CLOSED.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether the first syllable ends in a vowel or consonant, with a matching long or short vowel sound. Accept other correct Part 3 words that match the stated syllable types.