

Syllable Sound Sort

Listen to the first syllable in each word.

4.2.B.i "spelling 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

The first syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel usually has a short sound.

cabin, cab/in

OPEN

The first syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually says its name.

paper, pa/per

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word and circle CLOSED or OPEN for its first syllable.

1. rabbit

CLOSED

OPEN

2. picnic

CLOSED

OPEN

3. music

CLOSED

OPEN

4. basket

CLOSED

OPEN

5. robot

CLOSED

OPEN

6. tulip

CLOSED

OPEN

7. napkin

CLOSED

OPEN

8. hotel

CLOSED

OPEN

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 multisyllabic word with a CLOSED first syllable and one new multisyllabic word with an OPEN first syllable.

CLOSED _____

OPEN _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with at least three syllables that has an open syllable and a closed syllable. Use slashes to show all its syllables, then name one open syllable and one closed syllable.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rabbit	CLOSED	rab is a closed first syllable.
2	picnic	CLOSED	pic is a closed first syllable.
3	music	OPEN	mu is an open first syllable.
4	basket	CLOSED	bas is a closed first syllable.
5	robot	OPEN	ro is an open first syllable.
6	tulip	OPEN	tu is an open first syllable.
7	napkin	CLOSED	nap is a closed first syllable.
8	hotel	OPEN	ho is an open first syllable.

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:** magnet, mag/net, CLOSED
- **OPEN:** final, fi/nal, OPEN

Challenge: Challenge: remembering, re/mem/ber/ing. re is open. mem is closed.

For Part 2, students should correctly divide each selected word and explain that the first syllable ends in a consonant or a vowel. Accept other correctly spelled multisyllabic words in Part 3 when the first syllable is correctly classified.