

First Syllable Sort

Look at how the first syllable ends.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open first syllable ends in a vowel. The vowel usually makes its long sound.

ze-ro

CLOSED FIRST SYLLABLE

A closed first syllable ends in a consonant. The vowel usually makes its short sound.

win-dow

1 SORT

8 items

Circle OPEN or CLOSED for each word, then in Part 2 choose two words and explain whether a vowel or consonant ends the first syllable.

1. mu-sic

OPEN

CLOSED

2. nap-kin

OPEN

CLOSED

3. lem-on

OPEN

CLOSED

4. ti-ger

OPEN

CLOSED

5. ba-con

OPEN

CLOSED

6. pic-nic

OPEN

CLOSED

7. hu-man

OPEN

CLOSED

8. la-dy

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. Divide each word with a slash and label it.

OPEN

CLOSED

CHALLENGE

Write one two-syllable word that has an open syllable and a closed syllable. Divide the word, label each syllable OPEN or CLOSED, and explain your labels.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	mu-sic	OPEN	The first syllable, mu, ends in a vowel.
2	nap-kin	CLOSED	The first syllable, nap, ends in p.
3	lem-on	CLOSED	The first syllable, lem, ends in m.
4	ti-ger	OPEN	The first syllable, ti, ends in a vowel.
5	ba-con	OPEN	The first syllable, ba, ends in a vowel.
6	pic-nic	CLOSED	The first syllable, pic, ends in c.
7	hu-man	OPEN	The first syllable, hu, ends in a vowel.
8	la-dy	OPEN	The first syllable, la, ends in 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:** pi/lot, OPEN
- **CLOSED:** mag/net, CLOSED

Challenge: o/pen: o is OPEN because it ends in a vowel. pen is CLOSED because it ends in a consonant.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify what ends the first syllable. In Part 3, accept other correctly divided two-syllable words that match each category.