

Syllable Door Sort

Look at how the first syllable ends.

5.2.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 FIRST SYLLABLE

A closed syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel usually has a short sound.

basket, bas-ket

OPEN FIRST SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually has a long sound.

frozen, fro-zen

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle CLOSED or OPEN for each word; for Part 2, choose two words and explain how the last letter of each first syllable helped you sort it.

1. napkin

CLOSED

OPEN

2. dentist

CLOSED

OPEN

3. hotel

CLOSED

OPEN

4. finish

CLOSED

OPEN

5. music

CLOSED

OPEN

6. paper

CLOSED

OPEN

7. pumpkin

CLOSED

OPEN

8. robot

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 two multisyllabic words, one from each group. Divide each word into syllables and name its first-syllable type.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	napkin	CLOSED	nap-kin: The first syllable ends in p.
2	dentist	CLOSED	den-tist: The first syllable ends in n.
3	hotel	OPEN	ho-tel: The first syllable ends in o.
4	finish	CLOSED	fin-ish: The first syllable ends in n.
5	music	OPEN	mu-sic: The first syllable ends in u.
6	paper	OPEN	pa-per: The first syllable ends in a.
7	pumpkin	CLOSED	pump-kin: The first syllable ends in p.
8	robot	OPEN	ro-bot: The first syllable ends in o.

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:** cactus, cac-tus.
- **OPEN:** tiger, ti-ger.

Challenge: rabbit: rab-bit, closed first syllable; piano: pi-an-o, open first syllable.

Students sort by the ending of the first syllable, not by the final syllable of the whole word. Accept other correctly spelled multisyllabic examples that match the requested first-syllable type.