Syllable Door Sort

Listen for the vowel sound and ending.

2.FFR.3.A "Decode and encode words with short vowels to include blends, digraphs, and trigraphs in closed syllables (CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC, and CCVCCC) and open syllables (CV, CCV)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CLOSED SYLLABLE

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

frog

OPEN SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel says its long sound.

we

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CLOSED or OPEN for each word, then choose two words and explain whether each ends in a consonant or a vowel and what sound its vowel makes.

1.	clap	CLOSED OPEN
2.	thump	CLOSED OPEN
3.	go	CLOSED OPEN
4.	branch	CLOSED OPEN
5.	me	CLOSED OPEN
6.	cry	CLOSED OPEN
7.	ship	CLOSED OPEN
8.	mask	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 CLOSED word and one new OPEN word.

CLOSED _____

OPEN _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with one OPEN syllable and one CLOSED syllable. Mark each syllable OPEN or CLOSED.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	clap	**CLOSED**	clap ends in p, and a is short.
2	thump	**CLOSED**	thump ends in p, and u is short.
3	go	**OPEN**	go ends in o, and o says its long sound.
4	branch	**CLOSED**	branch ends in h, and a is short.
5	me	**OPEN**	me ends in e, and e says its long sound.
6	cry	**OPEN**	cry ends in y, and y says its long sound.
7	ship	**CLOSED**	ship ends in p, and i is short.
8	mask	**CLOSED**	mask ends in k, and a is short.

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**: mask
- **OPEN**: no

Challenge: ro-bot: ro is OPEN, and bot is CLOSED.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that name a consonant ending and short vowel for CLOSED, or a vowel ending and long vowel for OPEN. Part 3 answers may vary if they fit the syllable pattern.