

Word Sound Detectives

Sort words by their vowel pattern.

2.FFR.3.B "Decode and encode words with vowel teams and r-controlled vowels."

NAME _____

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VOWEL TEAM

A vowel team has two vowels next to each other. The vowels work together to make one vowel sound.

peach

R-CONTROLLED VOWEL

An r-controlled vowel has a vowel followed by r. The r changes the vowel sound.

turn

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each word and circle TEAM or R SOUND.

1. paint

TEAM

R SOUND

2. seed

TEAM

R SOUND

3. shark

TEAM

R SOUND

4. goat

TEAM

R SOUND

5. car

TEAM

R SOUND

6. fork

TEAM

R SOUND

7. sleep

TEAM

R SOUND

8. road

TEAM

R SOUND

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 TEAM word and one new R SOUND word.

TEAM _____

R SOUND _____

CHALLENGE

Pick two sort words, one TEAM word and one R SOUND word, explain the letters that helped you sort them, then write a sentence using both words.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	paint	TEAM	The ai is a vowel team.
2	seed	TEAM	The ee is a vowel team.
3	shark	R SOUND	The ar is an r-controlled vowel.
4	goat	TEAM	The oa is a vowel team.
5	car	R SOUND	The ar is an r-controlled vowel.
6	fork	R SOUND	The or is an r-controlled vowel.
7	sleep	TEAM	The ee is a vowel team.
8	road	TEAM	The oa is a vowel team.

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)

- **TEAM:** train
- **R SOUND:** corn

Challenge: Seed has ee, so it is a TEAM word. Fork has or, so it is an R SOUND word. I see a seed near a fork.

Accept other correctly spelled words with a vowel team or an r-controlled vowel. In the challenge, check that the student names the letter pattern and uses both chosen words in the sentence.