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 _____ DATE _____

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.

ANSWER KEY # Word Sound Detectives

GRADE 2 · 2.FFR.3.B

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 any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.