

Open or Closed?

Sort words by the first syllable.

2.FFR.3.C "Use knowledge of syllabication and syllable types to decode words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN FIRST

The first syllable ends in a vowel. Its vowel usually makes a long sound.

ba-by

CLOSED FIRST

The first syllable ends in a consonant. Its vowel usually makes a short sound.

sun-set

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle OPEN or CLOSED for the first syllable of each word, then choose two words and explain which letter ends each first syllable.

1. mu-sic

OPEN

CLOSED

2. nap-kin

OPEN

CLOSED

3. rab-bit

OPEN

CLOSED

4. ti-ger

OPEN

CLOSED

5. mo-ment

OPEN

CLOSED

6. pic-nic

OPEN

CLOSED

7. ze-bra

OPEN

CLOSED

8. lem-on

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.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with an open first syllable and a closed second syllable. Mark the syllable break with a slash.

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 a consonant.
3	rab-bit	CLOSED	The first syllable, rab, ends in a consonant.
4	ti-ger	OPEN	The first syllable, ti, ends in a vowel.
5	mo-ment	OPEN	The first syllable, mo, ends in a vowel.
6	pic-nic	CLOSED	The first syllable, pic, ends in a consonant.
7	ze-bra	OPEN	The first syllable, ze, ends in a vowel.
8	lem-on	CLOSED	The first syllable, lem, ends in a consonant.

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:** po-ny
- **CLOSED:** mag-net

Challenge: tu/lip

For Part 2, a correct explanation names the first syllable and tells whether it ends in a vowel or a consonant. Accept other correctly spelled two-syllable examples that match each category.