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.

ANSWER KEY

Open or Closed?

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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

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