

Open or Closed?

Sort words by their syllable type.

2.FFR.3 "Phonics and Word Analysis: The student will apply phonetic principles to read and spell words. Decode and encode words with short vowels to include blends, digraphs, and trigraphs in closed syllables (CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC...)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

OPEN SYLLABLE

An open syllable ends with a vowel. The vowel usually says its long sound.

hi

CLOSED SYLLABLE

A closed syllable ends with a consonant. The vowel usually says its short sound.

crab

1 SORT _____ 8 items

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

1. clap

OPEN

CLOSED

2. go

OPEN

CLOSED

3. ship

OPEN

CLOSED

4. snack

OPEN

CLOSED

5. me

OPEN

CLOSED

6. brush

OPEN

CLOSED

7. twist

OPEN

CLOSED

8. he

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 one-syllable word with an open syllable and one new one-syllable word with a closed syllable.

OPEN _____

CLOSED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-syllable word with one open syllable and one closed syllable. Draw a slash between the syllables.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	clap	CLOSED	clap ends in a consonant, and the a is short.
2	go	OPEN	go ends in a vowel, and the o is long.
3	ship	CLOSED	ship ends in a consonant, and the i is short.
4	snack	CLOSED	snack ends in a consonant, and the a is short.
5	me	OPEN	me ends in a vowel, and the e is long.
6	brush	CLOSED	brush ends in a consonant, and the u is short.
7	twist	CLOSED	twist ends in a consonant, and the i is short.
8	he	OPEN	he ends in a vowel, and the e is long.

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:** no
- **CLOSED:** frog

Challenge: ro/bot

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the ending letter type and the vowel sound. In ro/bot, ro is open and bot is closed.