Syllable Sort

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

ANSWER KEY # Syllable Sort

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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

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