

Sound Letter Detectives

Listen for every sound in each syllable.

2.FFW.2.B "Use phoneme-grapheme (sound/symbol) correspondence to encode (spell) multisyllabic words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SOUNDS MATCH

The spelling on the right has letters for the sounds in the word on the left.

garden → garden

NEEDS A FIX

The spelling on the right is missing a letter for a sound in the word on the left.

garden → garen

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each spelling, circle MATCH or FIX, then choose two spellings and explain which sounds or letters helped you decide.

1. sunset → sunset

MATCH

FIX

2. magnet → magnet

MATCH

FIX

3. butterfly → butterly

MATCH

FIX

4. picnic → picic

MATCH

FIX

5. basket → basket

MATCH

FIX

6. pumpkin → pumkin

MATCH

FIX

7. napkin → napkin

MATCH

FIX

8. camping → camping

MATCH

FIX

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 multisyllabic word for MATCH and one for FIX. Show the word, an arrow, and its spelling.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with three syllables. Spell it, then draw lines between its syllables.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	sunset → sunset	MATCH	Both syllables, sun-set, are spelled correctly.
2	magnet → magnet	MATCH	All sounds in mag-net are represented.
3	butterfly → butterly	FIX	The /f/ sound is missing.
4	picnic → picic	FIX	The /n/ sound is missing.
5	basket → basket	MATCH	Both syllables, bas-ket, are spelled correctly.
6	pumpkin → pumkin	FIX	The second /p/ sound is missing.
7	napkin → napkin	MATCH	Both syllables, nap-kin, are spelled correctly.
8	camping → camping	MATCH	Both syllables, camp-ing, are spelled correctly.

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)

- **MATCH:** dentist → dentist
- **FIX:** dentist → detist

Challenge: elephant: el | e | phant

MATCH entries spell every sound in the stated multisyllabic word. FIX entries omit a letter needed to represent a sound.