

Vowel Clue Sort

Use vowel clues to sort words by sound.

2.FFW "The student will print legibly in manuscript and cursive while applying grade level word knowledge to spell words correctly. Handwriting Maintain legible printing and begin to make the transition to cursive..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SHORT-VOWEL CLOSED WORD

In a closed syllable, a vowel is followed by one or more consonants. The vowel usually makes its short sound.

nest

LONG-VOWEL SILENT-E WORD

In a silent-e word, the final e is quiet. It usually helps the vowel before it make its long sound.

smile

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle SHORT or LONG for each word, then in Part 2, pick two words, one from each group, and explain which vowel clue helped you sort them.

1. crab

SHORT

LONG

2. shine

SHORT

LONG

3. stove

SHORT

LONG

4. stamp

SHORT

LONG

5. shelf

SHORT

LONG

6. flute

SHORT

LONG

7. drift

SHORT

LONG

8. crisp

SHORT

LONG

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 SHORT word and one new LONG word. Do not copy a word from this page.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write your first and last name in cursive. Then write one sentence with a new SHORT word and a new LONG word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	crab	SHORT	The a is followed by consonants in a closed syllable, so it has the short a sound.
2	shine	LONG	The final silent e helps i say its long sound.
3	stove	LONG	The final silent e helps o say its long sound.
4	stamp	SHORT	The a is followed by mp in a closed syllable, so it has the short a sound.
5	shelf	SHORT	The e is followed by lf in a closed syllable, so it has the short e sound.
6	flute	LONG	The final silent e helps u say its long sound.
7	drift	SHORT	The i is followed by ft in a closed syllable, so it has the short i sound.
8	crisp	SHORT	The i is followed by sp in a closed syllable, so it has the short i sound.

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)

- **SHORT:** pond
- **LONG:** chase

Challenge: *Ava Park*. The mule trots.

Accept correctly spelled, regular one-syllable closed words with short vowels and silent-e words with long vowels. Check that student writing is legible and that the challenge includes a cursive first and last name.