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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.FFW

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