

Syllable Spelling Detectives

Listen for the sounds in every syllable.

3.FFW.2.A "Use phoneme-grapheme correspondence to encode (spell) multisyllabic words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

Say the word in syllables. In a correctly spelled word, the letters show the sounds in each syllable.

pumpkin

NEEDS A FIX

One or more sounds are missing or use the wrong letters. Say each syllable to find the part that needs fixing.

robit → robot

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle CORRECT or FIX, then choose two words and explain how the syllables' letters match the sounds or need a fix.

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| 1. rabbit | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 2. basket | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 3. pencil | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 4. kitten | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 5. bottle | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 6. family | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 7. napkin | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 8. tiger | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ 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 that is CORRECT and one new multisyllabic word that needs a FIX.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with two correctly spelled multisyllabic words. Underline each word and draw a slash between its syllables.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rabbit	CORRECT	rab-bit is spelled correctly.
2	basket	CORRECT	bas-ket is spelled correctly.
3	pencil	FIX	The word should be pencil.
4	kitten	CORRECT	kit-ten is spelled correctly.
5	bottel	FIX	The word should be bottle.
6	famly	FIX	The word should be family.
7	napkin	CORRECT	nap-kin is spelled correctly.
8	tiger	CORRECT	ti-ger is 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)

- **CORRECT:** magnet
- **FIX:** candel, which should be candle

Challenge: The _mag/net_ sat on the _ta/ble_.

CORRECT: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8. **FIX:** 3, pencil; 5, bottle; 6, family. In Part 2, accept explanations that identify syllables and the missing or incorrect letters.