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.

1.	rabbit	CORRECT FIX
2.	basket	CORRECT FIX
3.	pencel	CORRECT FIX
4.	kitten	CORRECT FIX
5.	bottel	CORRECT FIX
6.	famly	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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rabbit	**CORRECT**	rab-bit is spelled correctly.
2	basket	**CORRECT**	bas-ket is spelled correctly.
3	pencel	**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.

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