

Closed Syllables in Longer Words: Animal Words



Hi Lily! This worksheet was made just for you.

Directions: Read each animal word carefully. For each one, either choose the best split into syllable chunks or answer Yes or No about the short vowel sounds in the closed syllables.

Example:

Which split would help you read **rabbit** into closed syllables?

Say the word in two beats: **rab-bit**.
Each chunk ends with a consonant, so each is a closed syllable.
The best split is **rab-bit**.

1. Which split would help you read **kitten** into closed syllables?

☐ kit-ten ☐ ki-tten ☐ kitt-en

2. Yes or No: In the word **sunset**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Which split would help you read **insect** into closed syllables?

☐ in-sect ☐ ins-ect ☐ inse-ct

4. Yes or No: In the word **rabbit**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Which split would help you read **napkin** into closed syllables?

☐ nap-kin ☐ na-pkin ☐ napk-in

6. Yes or No: In the word **kitten**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Which split would help you read **robin** into closed syllables?

☐ rob-in ☐ ro-bin ☐ robi-n

8. Yes or No: In the word **insect**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Which split would help you read **picnic** into closed syllables?

☐ pic-nic ☐ pi-cnic ☐ picn-ic

10. Yes or No: In the word **napkin**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Which split would help you read **tadpole** into syllable chunks?

☐ tad-pole ☐ ta-dpole ☐ tadp-ole

12. Yes or No: In the word **robin**, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Closed Syllables in Longer Words: Animal Words — Answer Key

Example: Which split would help you read rabbit into closed syllables? Say the word in two beats: rab-bit. Each chunk ends with a consonant, so each is a closed syllable. The best split is rab·bit.

1. Which split would help you read kitten into closed syllables? → kit·ten
2. Yes or No: In the word sunset, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes
3. Which split would help you read insect into closed syllables? → in·sect
4. Yes or No: In the word rabbit, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes
5. Which split would help you read napkin into closed syllables? → nap·kin
6. Yes or No: In the word kitten, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes
7. Which split would help you read robin into closed syllables? → rob·in
8. Yes or No: In the word insect, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes
9. Which split would help you read picnic into closed syllables? → pic·nic
10. Yes or No: In the word napkin, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes
11. Which split would help you read tadpole into syllable chunks? → tad·pole
12. Yes or No: In the word robin, both syllable parts use short vowel sounds. → Yes