

Word Sort Cheat Sheet

Type	Description
Closed Sort (Regular Sort)	Students sort their words by specific spelling features determined by the teacher.
Open Sort (Alternate Sort)	Students sort their words provided any way that they wish—all options are open. They may sort by spelling features they notice or by meaning.
Buddy Sort (Partner Sort)	Choose a partner and have them read you your words out loud. Your job is to write them correctly in your notebook.
Blind Sort	Try to call words from your sort. Write them in your notebook and see if you are right!
Speed Sort (Timed Sort)	Sorting words as fast as you can, usually three times. Keep track of how long it takes and record times in your notebook.
Memory Sort	Lay your words face down. Flip up two words. If they fit the same pattern you have a match. If you end up with odd cards the game is over.
Sentence Sort	Write sentences using words from with a particular pattern. (Number of sentences varies)
Magazine Sort	Use a magazine and find words that fit the pattern that you are using. Write them in your notebook.
Change Sort	Take words from your list and create a new word by changing one letter. (Ex: cat-hat)
Concept Sort	Pictures and words are sorted according to meaning categories.
Word Hunt	Use a book that you are reading and find words that fit the pattern that you are using. Write them in your notebook.
Draw and Label (Picture Drawing Sort)	Take words from your list and draw pictures that match. Write the word under the picture.