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A syllable must always have a vowel. When a syllable ends in a vowel, it is an **open syllable** and usually has a long vowel sound, as in **frozen**, **fro / zen**. When a syllable ends in a consonant, it is a **closed syllable** and usually has a short vowel sound, as in **kitten**, **kit / ten**.

**A. Draw a line between the syllables in each word. Then write each syllable.**

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| 1. magnet | _____ | _____ |
| 2. robot  | _____ | _____ |
| 3. hidden | _____ | _____ |
| 4. pencil | _____ | _____ |
| 5. crayon | _____ | _____ |

A **compound word** is a word that is made up of two smaller words.

**B. Read each sentence. Circle the compound word. Write its meaning.**

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| 6. The student wrote in his notebook. | _____ |
| 7. The girl painted her bedroom.      | _____ |
| 8. Plants need water and sunlight.    | _____ |

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**Read the passage. Use the reread strategy to check your understanding of story events.**

## The Contest of Athens

Long ago, the city of Athens needed a patron,  
9 someone to watch over the city. There were two great  
19 beings who wished to be the patron. One was Poseidon,  
29 who ruled the seas. The other was Athena, who had  
39 great wisdom.

41 The king of Athens had to select one of these two. So  
53 he asked each one to give a valuable and important gift  
64 to Athens.

66 “Your gift must be something useful for the city,” said  
76 the king.

78 It was Poseidon’s turn first. He hit the ground with his  
89 spear, the long-handled blade he always carried. From  
98 the ground, a well appeared. Water began to flow.

107 The king hurried to the well to taste the water. He  
118 found that the water was as salty as the sea.

128 “This will not do as a gift to Athens,” he said.

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139 Next, it was Athena's turn. She also hit the ground  
149 with her spear. In that spot, she buried an olive branch  
160 in the ground to make an olive tree. The olive tree  
171 would give the people of Athens food, oil, and wood.

181 The king was very happy with Athena's fine gift. He  
191 stated, "Because you have given us this olive tree, I will  
202 make you the patron of Athens."

208 Athena was pleased, but Poseidon was dejected at  
216 losing the contest. He flooded the land with seawater.  
225 Once he calmed down, he drained the floodwater away.

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**A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.**

1. What was Poseidon's gift to Athens? How did the king feel about Poseidon's gift?

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2. What was Athena's gift to Athens? How did the king feel about Athena's gift?

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3. What is the theme of the passage?

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**B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to how you use your voice to show feelings. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.**

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	