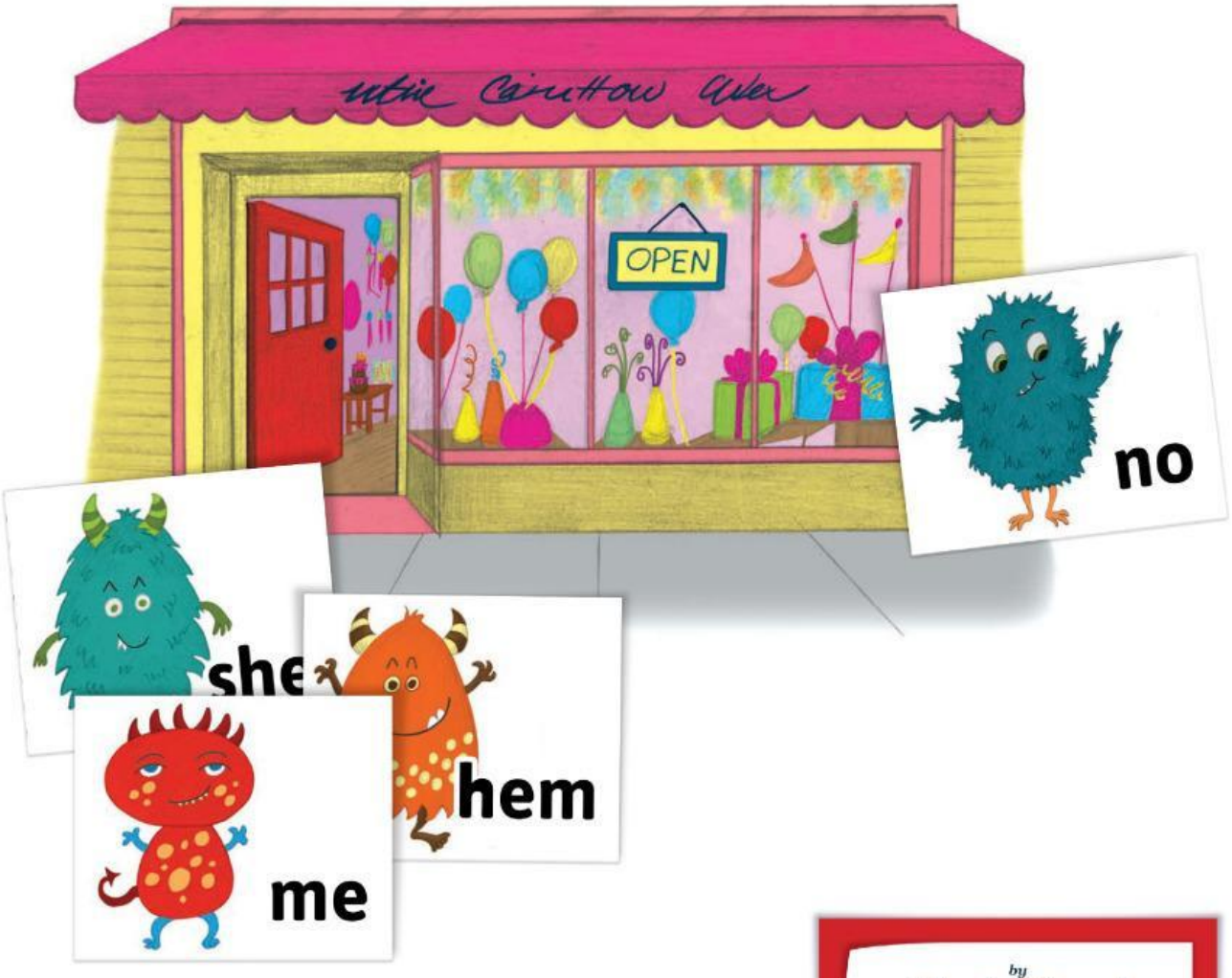
Party Monsters Go Shopping

practice with open and closed syllables



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Mastery of syllable types is important for success in both reading and spelling. An **open syllable** has a vowel at the end. The vowel in an open syllable says its long sound, as in *me*. A **closed syllable** has a vowel followed by a consonant so that the vowel is "closed in." The vowel in a closed syllable usually says it's short sound, as in *cap*. With this activity, your child can practice identifying open and closed syllable types while helping the Party Monsters do some shopping.

Prepare the Activity

1. Print pages 3-4 (color) or 5-6 (black-and-white). If you are using the black-and-white version, your child may color the storefronts and Party Monsters.
2. Cut out the Party Monster cards.

How to Play

1. Shuffle the Party Monster cards and place them in a stack on the table with the illustrations facing up.
2. Place the storefronts on the table in front of your child. Point out that one of the store doors is open and the other door is closed. Explain that the Party Monsters are planning a party and need to buy some supplies at the store. Let's see whether the store is open or closed when the monsters get there!
3. Have your child choose a Party Monster card from the stack and decide whether the word contains an open syllable or closed syllable. If the word is an open syllable, place it next to the open door. If the word is a closed syllable, place it next to the closed door.
4. Once all the Party Monster cards have been sorted, have your student count how many monsters were at the store when it was open and how many were at the store when it was closed.

Answer Key

open syllable words	
go	me
we	he
no	she
be	so

closed syllable words	
met	bed
hem	tin
got	sob
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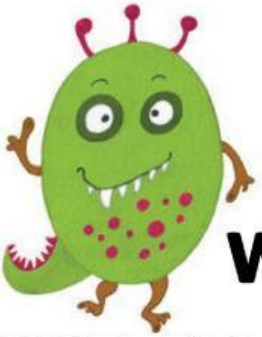

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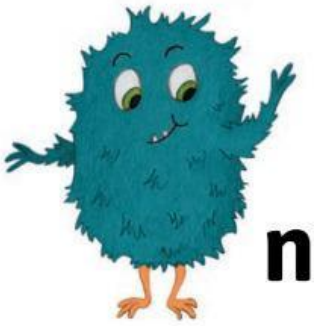

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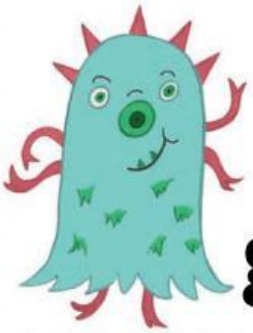

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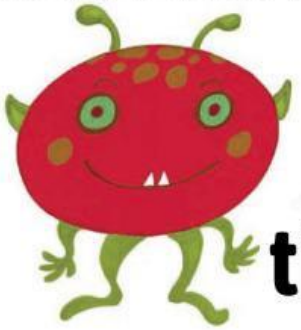

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