





26. Sound and Sort

 15 minutes	 Intermediate +
 Word recognition, sounds and patterns	
 Worksheet 3-8	

IDEA

This is a sorting puzzle that requires students to discover how 30 words can be divided into three groups based on sounds. Then they must put the words into the correct groups.

SET UP

Copy Worksheet 3-8 for students or display on projection screen.

FLOW

Explain the name of the challenge, Sound and Sort: sound refers to pronunciation; sort means organize or make smaller groups.

Ask students to read the words on Worksheet 3-8 and divide them into three groups. Each group has a different characteristic.

Do not give away too much information at the beginning.

If students struggle, give them a series of progressively clearer hints, such as:

1. read the words aloud
2. ask what kinds of words are in the table (verbs)
3. ask what kind of verbs
4. explain difference between regular and irregular verbs
5. listen for final sounds
6. teach final ED sounds

ANSWER

The words can be divided according to final ED sounds.

/d/	/id/	/t/
answer	chat	ask
earn	connect	check
enjoy	download	finish
join	invite	help
listen	need	like
love	rent	look
plan	start	practice
rain	update	talk
serve	want	walk
stay		watch
		work

Worksheet 3-8 Sound and Sort

Here are 30 words. Can you sort these words into three groups based on different sounds?

answer	rain	invite	stay	enjoy
practice	work	check	earn	finish
walk	chat	like	download	start
serve	update	help	connect	plan
ask	rent	look	listen	talk
need	watch	join	want	love