Word Part Sort

Build words by adding a part at the start or end.

3.LF.32.d "Encode words with less common prefixes, suffixes, and common Latin roots."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix goes before a base word. Spell the prefix first, then the base word.

pre + view = preview

SUFFIX

A suffix goes after a base word. Spell the base word first, then the suffix.

joy + ful = joyful

1 SORT

8 items

Spell each new word on the line, circle START or END for where the added part goes, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1. Base: count. Add: mis. Word: _____ START END
2. Base: enjoy. Add: ment. Word: _____ START END
3. Base: fear. Add: less. Word: _____ START END
4. Base: fiction. Add: non. Word: _____ START END
5. Base: cook. Add: over. Word: _____ START END
6. Base: read. Add: able. Word: _____ START END
7. Base: pay. Add: under. Word: _____ START END
8. Base: grow. Add: out. Word: _____ START END

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Make two new words: one with a prefix at the start and one with a suffix at the end. Show the base word, added part, and new word for each.

START _____

END _____

CHALLENGE

Pick one word you spelled in Part 1, use it in a sentence, and underline the added word part.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Base: count. Add: mis. Word: _____	**START**	Mis goes before count to spell miscount.
2	Base: enjoy. Add: ment. Word: _____	**END**	Ment goes after enjoy to spell enjoyment.
3	Base: fear. Add: less. Word: _____	**END**	Less goes after fear to spell fearless.
4	Base: fiction. Add: non. Word: _____	**START**	Non goes before fiction to spell nonfiction.
5	Base: cook. Add: over. Word: _____	**START**	Over goes before cook to spell overcook.
6	Base: read. Add: able. Word: _____	**END**	Able goes after read to spell readable.
7	Base: pay. Add: under. Word: _____	**START**	Under goes before pay to spell underpay.
8	Base: grow. Add: out. Word: _____	**START**	Out goes before grow to spell outgrow.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **START**: sub + zero = subzero
- **END**: agree + ment = agreement

Challenge: Do not <u>mis</u>count the coins.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the added part, tell whether it goes before or after the base word, and show the correctly spelled word.