

Prefix Meaning Match

PROVE IT: Pick two sort words and explain how you chose.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4b "Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell)."

NAME _____

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UN- MEANS NOT

In these words, un- means not. The new word means not the base word.

unclean = not clean

RE- MEANS AGAIN

In these words, re- means again. The new word means do the base word again.

rewrite = write again

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each word and circle NOT or AGAIN.

1. unkind

NOT

AGAIN

2. retell

NOT

AGAIN

3. replay

NOT

AGAIN

4. unsafe

NOT

AGAIN

5. repaint

NOT

AGAIN

6. unhappy

NOT

AGAIN

7. unfair

NOT

AGAIN

8. reread

NOT

AGAIN

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new un- word that means not and one new re- word that means again.

NOT _____

AGAIN _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a new re- word. Then tell what the word means.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	unkind	NOT	un- means not, so unkind means not kind.
2	retell	AGAIN	re- means again, so retell means tell again.
3	replay	AGAIN	re- means again, so replay means play again.
4	unsafe	NOT	un- means not, so unsafe means not safe.
5	repaint	AGAIN	re- means again, so repaint means paint again.
6	unhappy	NOT	un- means not, so unhappy means not happy.
7	unfair	NOT	un- means not, so unfair means not fair.
8	reread	AGAIN	re- means again, so reread means read again.

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)

- **NOT:** unclean = not clean
- **AGAIN:** redraw = draw again

Challenge: I will rewash the cup. Rewash means wash again.

Part 2: Accept explanations that name un- as not or re- as again and connect the prefix to the base word. Part 3 answers may vary if the prefix meaning and base word are correct.