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 _____ DATE _____

NOT

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

unclean = not clean

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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · L.2.4b

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.