Trail Word Detectives

Use prefixes and suffixes to read trail words.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.2.3 "Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each word with the prefix re- or un-. Underline each word ending in -ful, then use the word parts to help you read the whole word.

Fixing a Park Trail

1. After a windy night, a park guide walks the trail. She looks for fallen branches and loose rocks. A sign says the trail is unsafe, so she closes the path until it can reopen.
2. Then, workers clear branches and refill a hole beside the bridge. They use a reusable bag to carry tools. Each helpful worker checks the trail before people walk there again.
3. By noon, the guide can reopen the trail. She asks hikers to stay on the path and carry water. These simple rules help protect plants, keep hikers safe, and make the park peaceful for everyone.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find two words that begin with re-. Write the words. What does re- mean?

2. Which word means “not safe”? Write the whole word and the beginning part that changes safe.

3. Look at helpful. What is its base word? What does -ful tell about the worker?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a made-up cleanup day. Use one word with re- or un- and one word ending in -ful.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · RF.2.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each word with the prefix re- or un-. Underline each word ending in -ful, then use the word parts to help you read the whole word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find two words that begin with re-. Write the words. What does re- mean?	**Answers may include refill, reusable, and reopen. Re- means again.**
2	Which word means "not safe"? Write the whole word and the beginning part that changes safe.	**unsafe; un-**
3	Look at helpful. What is its base word? What does -ful tell about the worker?	**The base word is help. The worker gives help or is full of help.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

We refill the birdbath after cleaning it. Our helpful team picks up trash.

For marking, students should circle unsafe, refill, reusable, and both uses of reopen. They should underline helpful and peaceful. Accept correct student-created sentences that use the required word parts and fit the cleanup-day topic.