

Word Fit Detectives

Use word parts to decide whether each word belongs in its sentence.

10.L.V.2.c "Construct words based on Greek and Latin roots, root words, and/or affixes and use those words appropriately in context. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

FITS THE CONTEXT

The word's Greek or Latin parts match the meaning needed in the sentence. Check the root, prefix, and suffix for clues.

The scientist used a microscope to view tiny cells.

MISFITS THE CONTEXT

The word is real, but its parts point to a meaning that clashes with the sentence. A familiar-looking word can still be the wrong choice.

The athlete used a thermometer to find north.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle FITS or MISFITS for each sentence, then pick two items and explain which word part, root, prefix, or suffix proves your choice.

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| 1. The bilingual guide spoke two languages. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 2. The geologist studied rocks and landforms. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 3. The telescope made distant stars look closer. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 4. The extraterrestrial visitor was described as a person from Earth. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 5. The anonymous letter clearly named its writer. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 6. A submarine traveled beneath the ocean's surface. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 7. The cyclist followed a circular route that returned to its starting point. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |
| 8. The antidote increased the poison's harmful effects. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISFITS |

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 two sentences: one with a new Greek- or Latin-based word that fits its context, and one with a different word that misfits its context.

FITS _____

MISFITS _____

CHALLENGE

Construct a new word using a Greek or Latin root and an affix. Write the word, state what its parts mean, and use it correctly in one sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The bilingual guide spoke two languages.	FITS	Bi- means two, and lingual relates to language.
2	The geologist studied rocks and landforms.	FITS	Geo means earth, so geologist fits the study of Earth materials.
3	The telescope made distant stars look closer.	FITS	Tele means far, and scope relates to looking.
4	The extraterrestrial visitor was described as a person from Earth.	MISFITS	Extra- means outside, and terrestrial relates to Earth.
5	The anonymous letter clearly named its writer.	MISFITS	Anonymous means without a name.
6	A submarine traveled beneath the ocean's surface.	FITS	Sub- means under, and marine relates to the sea.
7	The cyclist followed a circular route that returned to its starting point.	FITS	Circular describes something shaped like a circle.
8	The antidote increased the poison's harmful effects.	MISFITS	An antidote works against or counteracts a poison.

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)

- **FITS:** The aqueduct carried water into the city.
- **MISFITS:** The librarian used a dictionary to measure the room's length.

Challenge: Reversible: re- means again, vers means turn, and -ible means able to. The reversible jacket can be turned inside out and worn on either side.

Items 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 are FITS. Items 4, 5, and 8 are MISFITS. Accept Part 2 explanations that accurately connect word parts to the sentence meaning.