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.

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.

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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.

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