

# Root or Built

Find roots and affixes in words.

**3.L.V.2.a** “Deconstruct words using common roots, root words, and affixes to determine meaning. (I)”

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROOT WORD

A root word can stand alone and has meaning. In this sort, no prefix or suffix is added to it.

jump

## BUILT WORD

A built word has a root word plus a prefix or suffix. The affix changes the root word's meaning.

fearless

### 1 SORT

8 items

Circle ROOT or BUILT for each word, then pick two words and write how their roots or affixes helped you decide.

1. unfair

ROOT

BUILT

2. farmer

ROOT

BUILT

3. drum

ROOT

BUILT

4. redo

ROOT

BUILT

5. sleep

ROOT

BUILT

6. clean

ROOT

BUILT

7. playful

ROOT

BUILT

8. help

ROOT

BUILT

## 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 ROOT word and one new BUILT word.

ROOT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

BUILT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### CHALLENGE

Choose one BUILT word from the sort. Write its root word, name its affix, and tell what the whole word means.

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## PART 1 • SORT

| # | ITEM    | CATEGORY     | WHY                                                 |
|---|---------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | unfair  | <b>BUILT</b> | un- is a prefix added to fair.                      |
| 2 | farmer  | <b>BUILT</b> | -er is a suffix added to farm.                      |
| 3 | drum    | <b>ROOT</b>  | It is a word that stands alone with no added affix. |
| 4 | redo    | <b>BUILT</b> | re- is a prefix added to do.                        |
| 5 | sleep   | <b>ROOT</b>  | It is a word that stands alone with no added affix. |
| 6 | clean   | <b>ROOT</b>  | It is a word that stands alone with no added affix. |
| 7 | playful | <b>BUILT</b> | -ful is a suffix added to play.                     |
| 8 | help    | <b>ROOT</b>  | It is a word that stands alone with no added affix. |

## 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)

- **ROOT:** river
- **BUILT:** joyful

**Challenge:** redo: Root word: do. Affix: re-. Meaning: do again.

Accept other correct root words and built words with clear common prefixes or suffixes. For the written explanation, students should correctly identify a root word or an affix in each chosen word.