

Affix Spotters

Look at where the word part goes.

3.L.V.2.c “Construct words using common roots, root words, and affixes. (C)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

PREFIX WORD

A prefix is added to the beginning of a root word. It can change the word's meaning.

overcook

SUFFIX WORD

A suffix is added to the end of a root word. It can change the word's meaning.

jumping

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word; for Part 2, choose two words and explain which affix you found and where it is.

1. replay

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. unfair

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. snowy

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. misread

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. hopeful

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. painter

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. preview

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. kindness

PREFIX

SUFFIX

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 PREFIX word and one new SUFFIX word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Build one word with both a prefix and a suffix. Name the prefix, root word, and suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	replay	PREFIX	re- is added before the root word play.
2	unfair	PREFIX	un- is added before the root word fair.
3	snowy	SUFFIX	-y is added after the root word snow.
4	misread	PREFIX	mis- is added before the root word read.
5	hopeful	SUFFIX	-ful is added after the root word hope.
6	painter	SUFFIX	-er is added after the root word paint.
7	preview	PREFIX	pre- is added before the root word view.
8	kindness	SUFFIX	-ness is added after the root word kind.

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)

- **PREFIX:** preheat
- **SUFFIX:** sleepy

Challenge: unhelpful: prefix un-, root word help, suffix -ful.

Accept other real words if the affix is correctly placed before or after a root word. For Part 2, students should identify the affix and explain its position.