

Word Builder Check

See which word parts build real words.

4.L.V.2.c "Construct words using knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, root words, and affixes. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

BUILDS A WORD

The word parts are in the right order and spelling to make a real word.

sub + marine = submarine

DOES NOT BUILD A WORD

The word parts do not make a correctly spelled real word. The parts may be in the wrong order or may not fit together.

marine + sub = marinesub

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle BUILDS or NO WORD for each item, then pick two items and explain which parts make, or fail to make, a correctly spelled real word.

1. tele + graph = telegraph

BUILDS

NO WORD

2. un + fair = unfair

BUILDS

NO WORD

3. spect + ness = spectness

BUILDS

NO WORD

4. re + heat = reheat

BUILDS

NO WORD

5. bio + ment = bioment

BUILDS

NO WORD

6. help + ful = helpful

BUILDS

NO WORD

7. vis + ible = visible

BUILDS

NO WORD

8. graph + un = graphun

BUILDS

NO WORD

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 word build for BUILDS and one new word build for NO WORD.

BUILDS _____

NO WORD _____

CHALLENGE

Build a real word with a Greek or Latin root, then write what the root means and how it helps explain the word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	tele + graph = telegraph	BUILDS	The Greek roots tele and graph form the real word telegraph.
2	un + fair = unfair	BUILDS	The prefix un- and root fair form the real word unfair.
3	spect + ness = spectness	NO WORD	Spectness is not a correctly spelled real word.
4	re + heat = rehear	BUILDS	The prefix re- and root heat form the real word rehear.
5	bio + ment = bioment	NO WORD	Bioment is not a correctly spelled real word.
6	help + ful = helpful	BUILDS	The root help and suffix -ful form the real word helpful.
7	vis + ible = visible	BUILDS	The Latin root vis and suffix -ible form the real word visible.
8	graph + un = graphun	NO WORD	Graphun is not a correctly spelled real word, and un- is not placed correctly.

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)

- **BUILDS:** mis + spell = misspell
- **NO WORD:** happy + un = happyun

Challenge: transport: The Latin root port means “carry,” so transport means to carry something from one place to another.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly name the word parts, their order, or the spelling of the completed word. Part 3 answers may vary if each build is correctly sorted.