Build It Right

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.

ANSWER KEY # Build It Right

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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 = reheat	**BUILDS**	The prefix re- and root heat form the real word reheat.
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.

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