

Meaning Match-Up

Use roots and affixes to check whether a word fits its context.

7.L.V.2.c “Construct words based on knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, root words, and/or affixes and use those words appropriately in context. (C)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

FITS THE MEANING

The word's root or affix meaning matches what the sentence says. The word makes sense in its context.

The prepaid card was paid for before it was used.

DOES NOT FIT

The word may be real, but its root or affix meaning does not match the sentence. A clue in the sentence shows the mismatch.

The prepaid card was paid for after it was used.

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1: Circle MATCHES or MISMATCHES for each sentence, then Part 2: choose two items and explain which root or affix clue shows why each word fits or does not fit.

1. The bilingual guide spoke two languages.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

2. A microscope helped us see tiny cells.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

3. The aquatic turtle lived high in a tree.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

4. The preview showed scenes before the movie began.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

5. The careless swimmer was very cautious.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

6. The silent alarm made a loud sound.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

7. The subterranean train traveled beneath the city.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

8. The author signed an autograph for the reader.

MATCHES

MISMATCHES

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 sentence with a root or affix word that MATCHES its context and one new sentence with a root or affix word that MISMATCHES its context. Underline the word in each sentence.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCHES _____

CHALLENGE

Build a word using a Greek or Latin root or affix, use it correctly in a sentence, and explain what each word part means.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The bilingual guide spoke two languages.	MATCHES	Bi- means two, and ling relates to language.
2	A microscope helped us see tiny cells.	MATCHES	Micro- means small, and -scope relates to looking or viewing.
3	The aquatic turtle lived high in a tree.	MISMATCHES	Aquatic means relating to water, not living high in a tree.
4	The preview showed scenes before the movie began.	MATCHES	Pre- means before, so a preview comes before the full movie.
5	The careless swimmer was very cautious.	MISMATCHES	The suffix -less means without. Careless means without care, which conflicts with cautious.
6	The silent alarm made a loud sound.	MISMATCHES	Silent means without sound, which conflicts with a loud sound.
7	The subterranean train traveled beneath the city.	MATCHES	Sub- means under, and subterranean means beneath the ground.
8	The author signed an autograph for the reader.	MATCHES	Auto- means self, and an autograph is a person's own written signature.

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)

- **MATCHES:** The nonverbal signal used no spoken words.
- **MISMATCHES:** The nonverbal signal was a long speech spoken aloud.

Challenge: A geothermal plant uses heat from inside Earth to make energy. Geo means Earth, and thermal means heat.

Accept other explanations that correctly connect a word part to the sentence context. In Part 3, the **MISMATCHES** sentence should use a real root or affix word in a context that clearly conflicts with its meaning.