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

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.

ANSWER KEY

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