Word Part Detectives

Read each word, then look for a part added to its beginning or end.

3.RF.4 "Read multisyllabic words composed of roots and related prefixes and suffixes; read irregular contractions (e.g., will not = won't) and possessives (e.g., children's, Dennis's)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX ADDED

A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word. Read the prefix and base word together.

rewrite

SUFFIX ADDED

A suffix is added to the end of a base word. Read the base word and suffix together.

kindness

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word; for Part 2, choose two numbered words and explain how you knew where each word belongs.

1.	reread	PREFIX SUFFIX
2.	unfair	PREFIX SUFFIX
3.	careful	PREFIX SUFFIX
4.	preheat	PREFIX SUFFIX
5.	slowly	PREFIX SUFFIX
6.	darkness	PREFIX SUFFIX
7.	dislike	PREFIX SUFFIX
8.	replay	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

For Part 3, write one new word with a prefix and one new word with a suffix.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a new word with a prefix and a new word with a suffix, and underline both words.

ANSWER KEY # Word Part Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	reread	**PREFIX**	The prefix re- comes before read.
2	unfair	**PREFIX**	The prefix un- comes before fair.
3	careful	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -ful comes after care.
4	preheat	**PREFIX**	The prefix pre- comes before heat.
5	slowly	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -ly comes after slow.
6	darkness	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -ness comes after dark.
7	dislike	**PREFIX**	The prefix dis- comes before like.
8	replay	**PREFIX**	The prefix re- comes before play.

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**: miscount
- **SUFFIX**: thankful

Challenge: The unhappy dog barked loudly.

For Part 2, each explanation should name the base word and tell whether a word part was added at its beginning or end.