Spelling Detectives

Check each word before you sort it.

L.3.2.g "Consult reference materials as needed to check and correct spellings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED RIGHT

The spelling matches the word in a dictionary. Look up the word to check it.

basket

NEEDS FIXING

The word has a spelling mistake. Use a dictionary or spelling tool to find the correct spelling.

baskit

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle RIGHT or WRONG for each word; for Part 2, choose two items and explain how a dictionary or spelling tool helped you decide.

1.	turtle	RIGHT WRONG
2.	freind	RIGHT WRONG
3.	becaus	RIGHT WRONG
4.	whisper	RIGHT WRONG
5.	purple	RIGHT WRONG
6.	tomorow	RIGHT WRONG
7.	blanket	RIGHT WRONG
8.	pencil	RIGHT WRONG

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 spelled RIGHT and one new word spelled WRONG.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word you marked WRONG, find its correct spelling in a dictionary or spelling tool, and use the correct word in a sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Spelling Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	turtle	**RIGHT**	Turtle is spelled correctly.
2	freind	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is friend.
3	becaus	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is because.
4	whisper	**RIGHT**	Whisper is spelled correctly.
5	purple	**RIGHT**	Purple is spelled correctly.
6	tomorow	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is tomorrow.
7	blanket	**RIGHT**	Blanket is spelled correctly.
8	pencil	**RIGHT**	Pencil is spelled 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)

- **RIGHT**: lantern
- **WRONG**: elefant

Challenge: friend: My friend and I read together.

Part 2 sample: A spelling tool suggests friend for item 2, so freind is WRONG. I found whisper in a dictionary, so item 4 is RIGHT. In Part 3, elefant is a misspelling of elephant.