Spelling Detectives

Sort words, then check the evidence.

L.4.2.d "Consult reference materials as needed to check and correct spellings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT SPELLING

The word matches its spelling in a dictionary.

mountain

NEEDS A FIX

The word does not match its dictionary spelling. Look it up to find the correct spelling.

pensil → pencil

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIX for each word, then choose two words, one from each group, and explain how a dictionary helped you check their spellings.

1.	library	CORRECT FIX
2.	tomorrow	CORRECT FIX
3.	becuase	CORRECT FIX
4.	calendar	CORRECT FIX
5.	freind	CORRECT FIX
6.	seperate	CORRECT FIX
7.	surprise	CORRECT FIX
8.	bicycle	CORRECT FIX

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 CORRECT word and one new FIX word, then use a dictionary to write the correct spelling beside your FIX word.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a misspelled word, then check a dictionary and rewrite the sentence with that word corrected.

ANSWER KEY # Spelling Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	library	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling of library.
2	tomorrow	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling of tomorrow.
3	becuase	**FIX**	The correct spelling is because.
4	calendar	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling of calendar.
5	freind	**FIX**	The correct spelling is friend.
6	seperate	**FIX**	The correct spelling is separate.
7	surprise	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling of surprise.
8	bicycle	**CORRECT**	Matches the dictionary spelling of bicycle.

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)

- **CORRECT**: window
- **FIX**: skool → school

Challenge: The rabit hid under a bush. The rabbit hid under a bush.

For Part 2, accept two explanations that identify what the student checked in a dictionary, including the corrected spelling of the FIX word. Part 3 answers will vary.