Word Part Detective

Find where a word part was added.

RF.5.3.a "Use combined knowledge of all phoneme-grapheme correspondences, syllabication patterns and morphology to accurately decode and encode unfamiliar multisyllabic words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word. Find the base word to help you read the whole word.

uncommon

SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. Find the base word to help you read the whole word.

thankful

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, then circle PREFIX or SUFFIX to show where a word part was added.

1.	1. miscalculate	PREFIX SUFFIX
2.	2. prearrange	PREFIX SUFFIX
3.	3. enjoyment	PREFIX SUFFIX
4.	4. disassemble	PREFIX SUFFIX
5.	5. overestimate	PREFIX SUFFIX
6.	6. development	PREFIX SUFFIX
7.	7. adaptable	PREFIX SUFFIX
8.	8. reconsider	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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 2, PROVE IT: Choose two words from Part 1. For each word, write its base word and explain where the added word part goes. Part 3, MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new multisyllabic word with a prefix and one with a suffix. Underline the added word part in each.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a multisyllabic word with both a prefix and a suffix. Underline both added parts, then name the base word.

ANSWER KEY # Word Part Detective

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. miscalculate	**PREFIX**	Mis- is added before calculate.
2	2. prearrange	**PREFIX**	Pre- is added before arrange.
3	3. enjoyment	**SUFFIX**	-ment is added after enjoy.
4	4. disassemble	**PREFIX**	Dis- is added before assemble.
5	5. overestimate	**PREFIX**	Over- is added before estimate.
6	6. development	**SUFFIX**	-ment is added after develop.
7	7. adaptable	**SUFFIX**	-able is added after adapt.
8	8. reconsider	**PREFIX**	Re- is added before consider.

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**: <u>un</u>certain
- **SUFFIX**: comfort<u>able</u>

Challenge: <u>un</u>kind<u>ness</u>. Base word: kind.

For Part 2, accept any two sorted words if the student correctly identifies each base word and the position of the added part. For Part 3 and the challenge, accept other correctly formed multisyllabic words.