Time Clue Sort

Use a Latin prefix to tell when something happens.

L.8.4.b "Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BEFORE

The Latin prefix pre- means before. Look at the rest of the word to find out what comes later.

A prequel tells a story set before another story.

AFTER

The Latin prefix post- means after. Look at the rest of the word to find out what came first.

A postscript is a note added after a letter is finished.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each phrase and circle BEFORE or AFTER to show what its prefix means.

1.	preflight inspection	BEFORE	AFTER
2.	postgame interview	BEFORE	AFTER
3.	postwar rebuilding	BEFORE	AFTER
4.	predawn run	BEFORE	AFTER
5.	prepaid bus pass	BEFORE	AFTER
6.	preheat the oven	BEFORE	AFTER
7.	post-election coverage	BEFORE	AFTER
8.	pretest questions	BEFORE	AFTER

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

Part 2: Choose two numbered items, one from each category, and explain how each prefix helped you sort it. Part 3: Write one new word with pre- and one new word with post-, then explain what each word means.

BEFORE _____

AFTER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a new pre- word and a new post- word to show the order of two parts of an event, and underline both prefixes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	preflight inspection	**BEFORE**	Pre- shows that the inspection happens before a flight.
2	postgame interview	**AFTER**	Post- shows that the interview happens after a game.
3	postwar rebuilding	**AFTER**	Post- shows that the rebuilding happens after a war.
4	predawn run	**BEFORE**	Pre- shows that the run happens before dawn.
5	prepaid bus pass	**BEFORE**	Pre- shows that the pass was paid for before it was used.
6	preheat the oven	**BEFORE**	Pre- shows that the oven is heated before cooking begins.
7	post-election coverage	**AFTER**	Post- shows that the coverage happens after an election.
8	pretest questions	**BEFORE**	Pre- shows that the questions are given before instruction.

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)

- **BEFORE**: Preorder means to order something before it is available.
- **AFTER**: Postnatal means happening after birth.

Challenge: The <u>pre</u>race meeting happened before the start, and the <u>post</u>race interview happened after the finish.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect pre- to before or post- to after and name the event in each chosen phrase. For Part 3 and the challenge, accept other correctly formed words whose meanings fit their prefixes.