Word Part Sort

Sort words, prove two choices, and build new words.

RF.3.3 "Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills in reading (decoding) and writing (encoding) words. Know and apply phonics skills to read (decode) and write (encode) words..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX WORD

A prefix is a word part added to the start of a base word. It can change the word's meaning.

replay

SUFFIX WORD

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. It can change the word's meaning.

kindness

1 SORT

8 items

For SORT, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word; for PROVE IT, pick one word from each group and explain how you knew.

1.	unfair	PREFIX	SUFFIX
2.	rewrite	PREFIX	SUFFIX
3.	fearless	PREFIX	SUFFIX
4.	dislike	PREFIX	SUFFIX
5.	careful	PREFIX	SUFFIX
6.	darkness	PREFIX	SUFFIX
7.	misplace	PREFIX	SUFFIX
8.	unhappy	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

MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new prefix word and one new suffix word, then underline each added word part.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE: Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix, then show its three parts with plus signs.

ANSWER KEY # Word Part Sort

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	unfair	**PREFIX**	Un is added before fair.
2	rewrite	**PREFIX**	Re is added before write.
3	fearless	**SUFFIX**	Less is added after fear.
4	dislike	**PREFIX**	Dis is added before like.
5	careful	**SUFFIX**	Ful is added after care.
6	darkness	**SUFFIX**	Ness is added after dark.
7	misplace	**PREFIX**	Mis is added before place.
8	unhappy	**PREFIX**	Un is added before happy.

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**: re<u></u>fill
- **SUFFIX**: soft<u>ness</u>

Challenge: unhelpful: un + help + ful

For PROVE IT, a student might write: In rewrite, re comes before write, so it is a prefix. In darkness, ness comes after dark, so it is a suffix.