Word Part Detectives

Find where the added word part goes.

RF.4-5.3 "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. Read (decode) and write (encode) multi-syllable words..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word. In misplace, mis comes before place.

misplace

SUFFIX

A suffix is added to the end of a base word. In joyful, ful comes after joy.

joyful

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word, then pick two words and explain how you knew where they belong.

1. rebuild — PREFIX SUFFIX
2. preview — PREFIX SUFFIX
3. careless — PREFIX SUFFIX
4. darkness — PREFIX SUFFIX
5. unfair — PREFIX SUFFIX
6. payment — PREFIX SUFFIX
7. disagree — PREFIX SUFFIX
8. hopeful — 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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word with a prefix and one new word with a suffix, and underline the added part in each word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix, then split it into its prefix, base word, and suffix.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rebuild	**PREFIX**	re is added before build.
2	preview	**PREFIX**	pre is added before view.
3	careless	**SUFFIX**	less is added after care.
4	darkness	**SUFFIX**	ness is added after dark.
5	unfair	**PREFIX**	un is added before fair.
6	payment	**SUFFIX**	ment is added after pay.
7	disagree	**PREFIX**	dis is added before agree.
8	hopeful	**SUFFIX**	ful is added after hope.

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>over</u>cook
- **SUFFIX**: quick<u>ly</u>

Challenge: unhelpful: un + help + ful

For Part 2, explanations should identify the added part and its position. For example, re comes before build in item 1, and less comes after care in item 3.