

Prefix Meaning Match

Use prefixes to unlock word meanings.

2L4.b "Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

MEANS NOT

The prefix **un-** can mean "not." Put it with a word to mean not that word.

unfair means not fair.

MEANS AGAIN

The prefix **re-** can mean "again." Put it with a word to mean do that action again.

reread means read again.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle NOT or AGAIN for each word, then choose two words and tell how the prefix helped you sort them.

1. **replay**

NOT

AGAIN

2. **unable**

NOT

AGAIN

3. **unsafe**

NOT

AGAIN

4. **redo**

NOT

AGAIN

5. **rewrite**

NOT

AGAIN

6. **unkind**

NOT

AGAIN

7. **unhappy**

NOT

AGAIN

8. **rebuild**

NOT

AGAIN

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 **un-** that means not, and one new word with **re-** that means again.

NOT _____

AGAIN _____

CHALLENGE

Read **repack**. Write its meaning. Then name the prefix and the word left after you take off the prefix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	replay	AGAIN	re- means play again.
2	unable	NOT	un- means not able.
3	unsafe	NOT	un- means not safe.
4	redo	AGAIN	re- means do again.
5	rewrite	AGAIN	re- means write again.
6	unkind	NOT	un- means not kind.
7	unhappy	NOT	un- means not happy.
8	rebuild	AGAIN	re- means build again.

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)

- **NOT: unlucky** means not lucky.
- **AGAIN: repaint** means paint again.

Challenge: Repack means pack again. The prefix is re-, and the word left is pack.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the prefix and connect it to “not” or “again.” Part 3 answers may vary if the new word and meaning are correct.