

Word Part Detectives

Sort words by where the word part is.

2RF3.d "Recognize and identify root words and common suffixes and prefixes."

NAME _____

DATE _____

HAS A PREFIX

A prefix is a word part at the beginning of a word. It can change what the root word means.

unzip

HAS A SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part at the end of a word. It can change what the root word means.

playful

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word, then choose two words and tell which word part helped you decide.

1. unlock

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. refill

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. farmer

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. unfair

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. quickly

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. careless

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. repaint

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. wishful

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.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix. Circle the prefix and underline the suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	unlock	PREFIX	un- is a prefix at the beginning of lock.
2	refill	PREFIX	re- is a prefix at the beginning of fill.
3	farmer	SUFFIX	-er is a suffix at the end of farm.
4	unfair	PREFIX	un- is a prefix at the beginning of fair.
5	quickly	SUFFIX	-ly is a suffix at the end of quick.
6	careless	SUFFIX	-less is a suffix at the end of care.
7	repaint	PREFIX	re- is a prefix at the beginning of paint.
8	wishful	SUFFIX	-ful is a suffix at the end of wish.

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:** unroll
- **SUFFIX:** singer

Challenge: unhelpful, with un circled and ful underlined.

For Part 2, students should name the beginning or ending word part in each chosen word. Accept other correct words in Part 3 that clearly have a common prefix or suffix.