

Prefix Meaning Match

Use un- and re- to unlock word meanings.

3L4.b "Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

MEANS NOT

The prefix **un-** can mean "not." Read the whole word to find its new meaning.

unafraid means not afraid.

MEANS AGAIN

The prefix **re-** can mean "again." Read the whole word to find its new meaning.

rebuild means build again.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle NOT or AGAIN for each word, then pick two words and explain how their prefixes helped you know the meanings.

1. 1. **unhappy**

NOT

AGAIN

2. 2. **retell**

NOT

AGAIN

3. 3. **unsafe**

NOT

AGAIN

4. 4. **unkind**

NOT

AGAIN

5. 5. **reread**

NOT

AGAIN

6. 6. **unclean**

NOT

AGAIN

7. 7. **replay**

NOT

AGAIN

8. 8. **unlucky**

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

Choose one word you wrote. Use it in a sentence that shows its meaning, and underline the word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. unhappy	NOT	un- means not, so unhappy means not happy.
2	2. retell	AGAIN	re- means again, so retell means tell again.
3	3. unsafe	NOT	un- means not, so unsafe means not safe.
4	4. unkind	NOT	un- means not, so unkind means not kind.
5	5. reread	AGAIN	re- means again, so reread means read again.
6	6. unclean	NOT	un- means not, so unclean means not clean.
7	7. replay	AGAIN	re- means again, so replay means play again.
8	8. unlucky	NOT	un- means not, so unlucky means not lucky.

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: unfair** means not fair.
- **AGAIN: repack** means pack again.

Challenge: We will repack the box because the first packing was messy.

Answers in order are NOT, AGAIN, NOT, NOT, AGAIN, NOT, AGAIN, NOT. For the two explanations, students should name the prefix, tell what it means, and connect it to the base word.