

Word Part Hunt

Find word parts at the beginning or end.

3RF3.a "Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and suffixes."

NAME _____

DATE _____

BEGINS WITH A PREFIX

A prefix is a word part at the beginning of a word. It changes the meaning of the base word.

nonstop, non- means not.

ENDS WITH A SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part at the end of a word. It can change a word's meaning or job.

enjoyment, -ment helps make a naming word.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word, then choose two items and explain where each underlined word part is and what it means.

1. reread

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. careless

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. hopeful

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. misplace

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. preheat

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. washer

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. unzip

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. overcook

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 PREFIX word and one new SUFFIX word. Underline the word part in each word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix. Underline both word parts and tell what each one means.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	<u>rere</u> ad	PREFIX	re- is at the beginning and means again.
2	care <u>less</u>	SUFFIX	-less is at the end and means without.
3	hope <u>ful</u>	SUFFIX	-ful is at the end and means full of.
4	<u>mis</u> place	PREFIX	mis- is at the beginning and means wrongly.
5	<u>pre</u> heat	PREFIX	pre- is at the beginning and means before.
6	wash <u>er</u>	SUFFIX	-er is at the end and can mean a person or thing that does an action.
7	<u>un</u> zip	PREFIX	un- is at the beginning and means to reverse an action.
8	<u>over</u> cook	PREFIX	over- is at the beginning and means too much.

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:** disagree
- **SUFFIX:** darkness

Challenge: In unhelpful, un- means not and -ful means full of, so unhelpful means not helpful.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the underlined part as being at the beginning or end and state its meaning. Part 3 answers may vary if the student uses a real word with a correctly placed common prefix or suffix.