

Word Part Detectives

Find the word part that helps you read.

4RF3.b "Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabification patterns, and morphology (e.g. roots, prefixes, and suffixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in and out of context."

NAME _____

DATE _____

PREFIX WORD

A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word. Read the prefix, then read the base word.

unfold

SUFFIX WORD

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. Read the base word, then read the suffix.

rain**y**

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX, then pick two words and explain whether the helpful word part is at the beginning or the end.

1. misread

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. prepay

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. kindness

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. disagree

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. thankful

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. movement

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. rewrite

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. unsafe

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 prefix or suffix in each word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses a PREFIX word and a SUFFIX word. Underline the prefix and the suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	misread	PREFIX	mis- is a prefix added to read.
2	prepay	PREFIX	pre- is a prefix added to pay.
3	kindness	SUFFIX	-ness is a suffix added to kind.
4	disagree	PREFIX	dis- is a prefix added to agree.
5	thankful	SUFFIX	-ful is a suffix added to thank.
6	movement	SUFFIX	-ment is a suffix added to move.
7	rewrite	PREFIX	re- is a prefix added to write.
8	unsafe	PREFIX	un- is a prefix added to safe.

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:** replay
- **SUFFIX:** musician

Challenge: The rebuilt boat carried a hopeful crew.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the affix and tell whether it is at the beginning or end of the word. For Part 3, accept accurate new words with the affix correctly underlined.