

Clue Part Sort

Find out whether each word part is a root or an affix.

7L4.b "Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ROOT CLUE

A root carries a word's central meaning. Roots can come from Greek or Latin.

inspect: The root spect means "look."

AFFIX CLUE

An affix is added to the beginning or end of a word. It can change or add to the word's meaning.

rewrite: The prefix re- means "again."

1 SORT

8 items

For each underlined word part, circle ROOTS or AFFIXES, then choose two items and explain what the underlined part means and how it helped you understand the word.

1. geology

ROOTS

AFFIXES

2. unpredictable

ROOTS

AFFIXES

3. careless

ROOTS

AFFIXES

4. portable

ROOTS

AFFIXES

5. chronological

ROOTS

AFFIXES

6. antisocial

ROOTS

AFFIXES

7. manuscript

ROOTS

AFFIXES

8. dictionary

ROOTS

AFFIXES

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 an underlined root and one new word with an underlined affix. Write what each underlined part means.

ROOTS _____

AFFIXES _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a new word that has both a root and an affix. Underline the affix, bold the root, and explain how both clues help define the word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	ge <u>o</u> logy	ROOTS	Geo is a Greek root meaning earth.
2	<u>un</u> predictable	AFFIXES	Un- is a prefix meaning not.
3	care <u>less</u>	AFFIXES	-less is a suffix meaning without.
4	p <u>or</u> table	ROOTS	Port is a Latin root meaning carry.
5	<u>ch</u> ronological	ROOTS	Chrono is a Greek root meaning time.
6	<u>anti</u> social	AFFIXES	Anti- is a prefix meaning against or opposed to.
7	manus <u>cri</u> pt	ROOTS	Script is a Latin root meaning write.
8	<u>dic</u> tionary	ROOTS	Dict is a Latin root meaning say or speak.

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)

- **ROOTS:** telescope. Tele means "far."
- **AFFIXES:** hopeful. The suffix -ful means "full of."

Challenge: The city will relocate the library. Re- means "again," and loc means "place," so relocate means to place again in a new location.

For Part 2, accept accurate explanations of any two selected items that identify the underlined part's meaning and connect it to the whole word. Roots carry central meaning, while affixes add or change meaning.