Word Part Hunt

Sort words by where the added part goes.

4.2.PWS.2 "Students will decode words by applying knowledge of structural analysis: • contractions • abbreviations • common roots and related affixes • morphology • semantics"

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word. It changes the word's meaning.

overcook

SUFFIX

A suffix is added to the end of a base word. It can change the word's meaning or how the word is used.

darkness

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word, then pick two words and explain how the position of the added part helped you sort them.

1.	disagree	PREFIX	SUFFIX
2.	careless	PREFIX	SUFFIX
3.	joyful	PREFIX	SUFFIX
4.	preheat	PREFIX	SUFFIX
5.	replay	PREFIX	SUFFIX
6.	quickly	PREFIX	SUFFIX
7.	unkind	PREFIX	SUFFIX
8.	misplace	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, and underline the added part in each word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one word that has both a prefix and a suffix, underline both added parts, and name the base word.

ANSWER KEY # Word Part Hunt

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	disagree	**PREFIX**	dis- comes before the base word agree.
2	careless	**SUFFIX**	-less comes after the base word care.
3	joyful	**SUFFIX**	-ful comes after the base word joy.
4	preheat	**PREFIX**	pre- comes before the base word heat.
5	replay	**PREFIX**	re- comes before the base word play.
6	quickly	**SUFFIX**	-ly comes after the base word quick.
7	unkind	**PREFIX**	un- comes before the base word kind.
8	misplace	**PREFIX**	mis- comes before the base word place.

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**: unfair
- **SUFFIX**: colorful

Challenge: unhelpful, base word: help

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the added part and tell whether it comes before or after the base word. For example, dis- comes before agree in disagree, and -less comes after care in careless.