Word Form Detectives

Sort short forms and full words.

3.LF.36.d "Use simple abbreviations, including days of the week, months of the year, titles, units of metric and customary measurement, street names, and state names."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SHORT FORM

A short form uses fewer letters to stand for a word or name. Some short forms end with a period.

Feb.

FULL WORD

A full word spells out the whole word or name.

February

1 SORT

8 items

For each item, circle SHORT or FULL, then choose two items and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. Monday — SHORT FULL
2. Oct. — SHORT FULL
3. Dr. — SHORT FULL
4. kilogram — SHORT FULL
5. Street — SHORT FULL
6. cm — SHORT FULL
7. California — SHORT FULL
8. Tuesday — SHORT FULL

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 SHORT example and one new FULL example.

SHORT _____

FULL _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a new short form, then write the same sentence with the word spelled out.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Monday	**FULL**	Monday spells out the day of the week.
2	Oct.	**SHORT**	Oct. is short for October.
3	Dr.	**SHORT**	Dr. is short for Doctor.
4	kilogram	**FULL**	Kilogram spells out the metric unit.
5	Street	**FULL**	Street spells out the street type.
6	cm	**SHORT**	cm is short for centimeter.
7	California	**FULL**	California spells out the state name.
8	Tuesday	**FULL**	Tuesday spells out the day of the week.

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)

- **SHORT**: Ms.
- **FULL**: meter

Challenge: I live on Pine Ave. near the park. I live on Pine Avenue near the park.

For Part 2, students might explain that Oct. is short for October and that Street spells out the whole word. Accept other correct examples in Part 3.