Roots in Action

Use word parts to uncover meaning.

5.RC.13 "Apply knowledge of word structure elements, known words, and word patterns to determine meaning (e.g., word origins, common Greek and Latin affixes and roots, parts of speech)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

LOOKING WORDS

The word part **spect** or **spec** means look or see. Use that clue to help you understand the whole word.

A **spectator** watches a race.

HEARING WORDS

The word part **aud** or **audio** means hear or sound. Use that clue to help you understand the whole word.

At a choir **audition**, a director listens to a singer.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle LOOK or HEAR for each bold word; for Part 2, choose two numbered words and explain how a word part helped you sort each one.

1. The coach will **inspect** each helmet before the game. LOOK HEAR

2. Mia put on her **spectacles** to see the tiny print. LOOK HEAR

3. We listened to an **audiobook** on the bus. LOOK HEAR

4. The bright fireworks made a **spectacular** sight. LOOK HEAR

5. In **retrospect**, I can look back and see why our first plan failed. LOOK HEAR

6. The bell was **audible** even from the far end of the hall. LOOK HEAR

7. The **audience** listened quietly to the poem. LOOK HEAR

8. An owl uses its **auditory** senses to hear mice moving. LOOK HEAR

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

For Part 3, write one new word with spect or spec and one new word with aud or audio; tell what each word means.

LOOK _____

HEAR _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence explaining how two word parts help you understand the word **inaudible**.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The coach will **inspect** each helmet before the game.	**LOOK**	Inspect contains spect and means to look at something closely.
2	Mia put on her **spectacles** to see the tiny print.	**LOOK**	Spectacles contains spect and refers to glasses used for seeing.
3	We listened to an **audiobook** on the bus.	**HEAR**	Audiobook contains audio and is a book people listen to.
4	The bright fireworks made a **spectacular** sight.	**LOOK**	Spectacular contains spect and describes something impressive to see.
5	In **retrospect**, I can look back and see why our first plan failed.	**LOOK**	Retrospect contains spect and means looking back at past events.
6	The bell was **audible** even from the far end of the hall.	**HEAR**	Audible contains aud and means able to be heard.
7	The **audience** listened quietly to the poem.	**HEAR**	Audience contains aud and names the people listening to a performance.
8	An owl uses its **auditory** senses to hear mice moving.	**HEAR**	Auditory contains aud and means related to hearing.

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)

- **LOOK**: Spectate means to watch an event.
- **HEAR**: An auditorium is a room where people hear performances.

Challenge: In inaudible, in means not and aud means hear, so an inaudible sound cannot be heard.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect spect or spec to looking and aud or audio to hearing, while also explaining each chosen word in its sentence.