Affix Word Hunt

Spot affixes at the start or end of words.

5.FFR.3 "Phonics and Word Analysis: The student will apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills to decode (read) unfamiliar words in grade level text. Use knowledge of syllabication and syllable types to decode and encode words..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

HAS A PREFIX

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

disagree

HAS A SUFFIX

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

careless

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX, then choose two words and explain how their affixes helped you sort them.

1. redo — PREFIX SUFFIX

2. misread — PREFIX SUFFIX

3. hopeful — PREFIX SUFFIX

4. preheat — PREFIX SUFFIX

5. washable — PREFIX SUFFIX

6. kindness — PREFIX SUFFIX

7. unlock — PREFIX SUFFIX

8. teacher — 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.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one word with both a prefix and a suffix. Label the prefix, base, and suffix. Then read: The washable cover got dirty. Her unhelpful directions did not help us. With a teacher or partner, choose an unfamiliar affixed word in these sentences. Mark its base and affix, use their sounds to read the parts and blend the whole word, then reread the sentence and explain its meaning. Have your partner check the word reading; try again with help if needed. If both words are familiar, the adult supplies a new affixed word in a short sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Affix Word Hunt

GRADE 5 · 5.FFR.3

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	redo	**PREFIX**	re is added to the beginning of do.
2	misread	**PREFIX**	mis is added to the beginning of read.
3	hopeful	**SUFFIX**	ful is added to the end of hope.
4	preheat	**PREFIX**	pre is added to the beginning of heat.
5	washable	**SUFFIX**	able is added to the end of wash.
6	kindness	**SUFFIX**	ness is added to the end of kind.
7	unlock	**PREFIX**	un is added to the beginning of lock.
8	teacher	**SUFFIX**	er is added to the end of teach.

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**: unhappy
- **SUFFIX**: playful

Challenge: unhelpful: prefix un, base help, suffix ful; reading check: wash + able → washable, a cover that can be washed; un + help + ful → unhelpful, not giving help.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether the affix is at the beginning or end of the base word. For the challenge, accept any correctly labeled word with both a prefix and a suffix. Observe supported learner reading from print through word-part sounds to the whole unfamiliar word, checked by an adult or partner, and an accurate contextual meaning. Teacher-only modeling or written affix labels alone do not complete the reading step. Accept supported retries and accessible communication; no timed or independent decoding test is required.