Spelling Detectives

Check each word, then sort its spelling.

2.L.2.g "Consult print and digital reference materials, as needed, to check and correct spellings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

MATCHES THE REFERENCE

Find the word in a print dictionary or a dictionary online. If the spelling is the same, it is a match.

garden

NEEDS A FIX

If the spelling is different from the one in the dictionary, it needs a fix. Write the correct spelling beside it.

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1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, look up each word in a print dictionary or a dictionary online, circle MATCH or FIX, and correct each FIX word; for Part 2, pick two items and write how your dictionary helped you decide.

1. table MATCH FIX

2. rabit MATCH FIX

3. yello MATCH FIX

4. window MATCH FIX

5. kitten MATCH FIX

6. pencel MATCH FIX

7. purple MATCH FIX

8. baloon MATCH FIX

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

Look up two new words in your dictionary, then write one as a MATCH example and change one letter in the other to make a FIX example.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with one word spelled wrong, then use your dictionary to write the sentence again with that word corrected.

ANSWER KEY # Spelling Detectives

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	table	**MATCH**	The dictionary spelling is table.
2	rabit	**FIX**	The dictionary spelling is rabbit, with two b's.
3	yello	**FIX**	The dictionary spelling is yellow, ending in w.
4	window	**MATCH**	The dictionary spelling is window.
5	kitten	**MATCH**	The dictionary spelling is kitten.
6	pencel	**FIX**	The dictionary spelling is pencil, with i in the last syllable.
7	purple	**MATCH**	The dictionary spelling is purple.
8	baloon	**FIX**	The dictionary spelling is balloon, with two l's.

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)

- **MATCH**: ocean
- **FIX**: mountein (mountain with a changed letter)

Challenge: The frog is gren. The frog is green.

For Part 2, a student might write: “My dictionary spells rabbit with two b's, so item 2 needs a fix. It spells window just like item 4, so item 4 matches.” Accept other new words in Part 3 when the student has checked the spellings.