Word Part Hunt

Where does the added word part go?

2.RF.3.f "Decode and encode words with common prefixes and suffixes."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix is added to the start of a base word. Read the added part and the base word together.

misplace = mis + place

SUFFIX

A suffix is added to the end of a base word. Read the base word and the added part together.

joyful = joy + ful

1 SORT

8 items

Circle START or END for each word, then pick two words and explain how the added part helped you choose.

1. rewash — START END
2. unfair — START END
3. painted — START END
4. redo — START END
5. safely — START END
6. kindness — START END
7. reread — START END
8. unhappy — START END

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 at the START and one new word with a suffix at the END.

START _____

END _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix, then show its three parts.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rewash	**START**	The prefix re- comes before wash.
2	unfair	**START**	The prefix un- comes before fair.
3	painted	**END**	The suffix -ed comes after paint.
4	redo	**START**	The prefix re- comes before do.
5	safely	**END**	The suffix -ly comes after safe.
6	kindness	**END**	The suffix -ness comes after kind.
7	reread	**START**	The prefix re- comes before read.
8	unhappy	**START**	The prefix un- comes before happy.

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)

- **START**: unlock
- **END**: played

Challenge: unhelpful = un + help + ful

For Part 2, students should name the added part and say where it goes. For example, re- comes before wash in rewash, and -ed comes after paint in painted.