Word Detective Sort

Spot words spelled right and words that need a fix.

2.RF.3.i "Read and spell grade-appropriate high-frequency words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED RIGHT

This word is spelled the right way. Read it as written.

because

NEEDS A FIX

This word has a spelling mistake. A letter may be missing, extra, out of order, or the wrong letter.

frend → friend

1 SORT

8 items

For each numbered word, circle RIGHT or FIX, then pick two words and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	1. there	RIGHT FIX
2.	2. some	RIGHT FIX
3.	3. peple	RIGHT FIX
4.	4. could	RIGHT FIX
5.	5. thier	RIGHT FIX
6.	6. woud	RIGHT FIX
7.	7. about	RIGHT FIX
8.	8. again	RIGHT 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

Write one new RIGHT word and one new FIX word; do not use words already on this page.

RIGHT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write the correct spelling of your FIX word, then use it in a sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. there	**RIGHT**	There is spelled correctly.
2	2. some	**RIGHT**	Some is spelled correctly.
3	3. peple	**FIX**	People needs an o after the first e.
4	4. could	**RIGHT**	Could is spelled correctly.
5	5. thier	**FIX**	Their has the e and i in the opposite order.
6	6. woud	**FIX**	Would needs an l after the u.
7	7. about	**RIGHT**	About is spelled correctly.
8	8. again	**RIGHT**	Again is spelled correctly.

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)

- **RIGHT**: every
- **FIX**: alwayz

Challenge: always. I always wash my hands.

For Part 2, a student might explain that item 3 needs an o to spell people and item 4 is the correct spelling of could. In Part 3, alwayz belongs in FIX because it uses z instead of s.