Prefix Meaning Sort

Find out what un- and re- add to a word.

3.L.4.b "Determine the meaning of words when affixes are added."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOT

When un- starts a describing word, it can mean "not." Look at the word after the prefix to find out what is being described.

unlucky means not lucky

AGAIN

When re- starts an action word, it can mean "again." Look at the word after the prefix to find the action.

rebuild means build again

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NOT or AGAIN for each word, then pick two words and explain how each prefix helped you decide.

1.	1. unhappy	NOT AGAIN
2.	2. redo	NOT AGAIN
3.	3. reread	NOT AGAIN
4.	4. unfair	NOT AGAIN
5.	5. unsafe	NOT AGAIN
6.	6. replay	NOT AGAIN
7.	7. unclear	NOT AGAIN
8.	8. untidy	NOT AGAIN

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 un- word that means "not" and one new re- word that means "again." Tell what each word means.

NOT _____

AGAIN _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word from Part 1 and write a sentence that shows its meaning without using "not" or "again."

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. unhappy	**NOT**	Unhappy means not happy.
2	2. redo	**AGAIN**	Redo means do again.
3	3. reread	**AGAIN**	Reread means read again.
4	4. unfair	**NOT**	Unfair means not fair.
5	5. unsafe	**NOT**	Unsafe means not safe.
6	6. replay	**AGAIN**	Replay means play again.
7	7. unclear	**NOT**	Unclear means not clear.
8	8. untidy	**NOT**	Untidy means not tidy.

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)

- **NOT**: unusual means not usual
- **AGAIN**: retry means try again

Challenge: I reread the page because I missed the clue the first time.

For Part 2, accept any two correct items with explanations that connect un- to "not" or re- to "again." For Part 3, accept other words whose prefixes have the stated meanings.