# Prefix Clue Hunt

Sort words by what their prefixes mean.

**3.L.4** "Determine or clarify the meaning and origin of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, using flexible strategies. Use sentence-level context to determine the meaning of a word or phrase..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

**NOT**

The prefix **un-** can mean "not." Read the rest of the word to find out what is not true.

The puppy was **unafraid** of the vacuum.

**AGAIN**

The prefix **re-** can mean "again." Read the rest of the word to find out what happens again.

Dad will **refill** the bird feeder.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence, then circle NOT or AGAIN to show what the bold word's prefix means.

**1.** 1. The **unhappy** singer frowned before the show. NOT AGAIN

**2.** 2. A loose step made the stage **unsafe**. NOT AGAIN

**3.** 3. We had to **rewrite** the ending of our play. NOT AGAIN

**4.** 4. An **unkind** comment hurt Leo's feelings. NOT AGAIN

**5.** 5. Please **repaint** the faded sign. NOT AGAIN

**6.** 6. Nia will **reread** her lines tonight. NOT AGAIN

**7.** 7. Our first guess was **untrue**. NOT AGAIN

**8.** 8. The teams called the score **unfair**. 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

Part 2, pick one item from each group and explain how its prefix helped you sort it. Part 3, write one new **un-** word and one new **re-** word, then use each in a sentence that shows its meaning.

**NOT** _____

**AGAIN** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write a two-sentence story using a different **un-** word and a different **re-** word, and make each word's meaning clear.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 3 · 3.L.4**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1. The **unhappy** singer frowned before the show. | **NOT** | Unhappy means not happy. |
| 2 | 2. A loose step made the stage **unsafe**. | **NOT** | Unsafe means not safe. |
| 3 | 3. We had to **rewrite** the ending of our play. | **AGAIN** | Rewrite means write again. |
| 4 | 4. An **unkind** comment hurt Leo's feelings. | **NOT** | Unkind means not kind. |
| 5 | 5. Please **repaint** the faded sign. | **AGAIN** | Repaint means paint again. |
| 6 | 6. Nia will **reread** her lines tonight. | **AGAIN** | Reread means read again. |
| 7 | 7. Our first guess was **untrue**. | **NOT** | Untrue means not true. |
| 8 | 8. The teams called the score **unfair**. | **NOT** | Unfair means not fair. |

## 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**: The unfinished drawing still needs color.
- **AGAIN**: I will rewash the plate because it is still dirty.

**Challenge:** The unfinished kite lay on the floor. I will redo its tail because I tied it the wrong way.

For Part 2, a student might explain that unsafe means not safe and repaint means paint again. Accept any correct pair with one item from each group.