Word Detective

Sort spellings and explain your choices.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY	MISSPELLED
Every letter is in the right place. This is how you write the word. always	The word has a letter mistake. This is not how you write the word. alwasy

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RIGHT or WRONG for each word, then choose one from each category and explain how you know where it belongs.

1.	enough	RIGHT WRONG
2.	different	RIGHT WRONG
3.	freind	RIGHT WRONG
4.	together	RIGHT WRONG
5.	remembar	RIGHT WRONG
6.	importent	RIGHT WRONG
7.	thought	RIGHT WRONG
8.	through	RIGHT WRONG

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 spelled correctly and one new misspelled word. Do not use a word from Part 1.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one misspelled word from Part 1, write it correctly, and use the correct word in a sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Word Detective

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	enough	**RIGHT**	Enough is spelled correctly.
2	different	**RIGHT**	Different is spelled correctly.
3	freind	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is friend.
4	together	**RIGHT**	Together is spelled correctly.
5	remembar	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is remember.
6	importent	**WRONG**	The correct spelling is important.
7	thought	**RIGHT**	Thought is spelled correctly.
8	through	**RIGHT**	Through 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**: people
- **WRONG**: peaple

Challenge: friend. My friend brought a book.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a specific spelling detail, such as a letter that is correct, missing, or out of order. For Part 3, check that neither example repeats a Part 1 word.