Word Part Sort

Find where the word part goes

4.RF.3.a "Identify and use common prefixes, suffixes, and root words to decode and encode words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PREFIX

A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a root word. It changes the word's meaning.

dislike

SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a root word. It can change the word's meaning or how the word is used.

careless

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PREFIX or SUFFIX for each word; then choose two words and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	1. rewrite	PREFIX	SUFFIX
2.	2. kindness	PREFIX	SUFFIX
3.	3. fearless	PREFIX	SUFFIX
4.	4. preview	PREFIX	SUFFIX
5.	5. unhappy	PREFIX	SUFFIX
6.	6. washable	PREFIX	SUFFIX
7.	7. misplace	PREFIX	SUFFIX
8.	8. overcook	PREFIX	SUFFIX

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word with a prefix and one new word with a suffix.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with both a prefix and a suffix, then name its root word and both added parts.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. rewrite	**PREFIX**	The prefix re- comes before the root write.
2	2. kindness	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -ness comes after the root kind.
3	3. fearless	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -less comes after the root fear.
4	4. preview	**PREFIX**	The prefix pre- comes before the root view.
5	5. unhappy	**PREFIX**	The prefix un- comes before the root happy.
6	6. washable	**SUFFIX**	The suffix -able comes after the root wash.
7	7. misplace	**PREFIX**	The prefix mis- comes before the root place.
8	8. overcook	**PREFIX**	The prefix over- comes before the root cook.

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)

- **PREFIX**: retell
- **SUFFIX**: slowly

Challenge: Unhelpful has the prefix un-, the root help, and the suffix -ful.

Accept other correctly formed words for Part 3. In Part 2, each explanation should identify an added word part and say whether it comes before or after the root.