

Prefix Clue Sort

Use prefixes to unlock word meanings.

3.2.A.v "decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

AGAIN

The prefix re- means again. A re- word tells you an action happens again.

retry means to try again.

OPPOSITE

The prefix un- can mean not or undo. It changes the meaning to the opposite or tells you to undo an action.

unzip means to undo a zip.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle AGAIN or OPPOSITE for each word, then pick two words and explain which prefix clue helped you sort them.

1. repaint

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

2. reread

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

3. unsafe

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

4. replay

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

5. unhappy

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

6. unwrap

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

7. retell

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

8. unkind

AGAIN

OPPOSITE

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 re- word for AGAIN and one new un- word for OPPOSITE.

AGAIN _____

OPPOSITE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses one re- word and one un- word. Then tell what each prefix means.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	repaint	AGAIN	re- means paint again.
2	reread	AGAIN	re- means read again.
3	unsafe	OPPOSITE	un- means not safe.
4	replay	AGAIN	re- means play again.
5	unhappy	OPPOSITE	un- means not happy.
6	unwrap	OPPOSITE	un- means undo wrapping.
7	retell	AGAIN	re- means tell again.
8	unkind	OPPOSITE	un- means not kind.

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)

- **AGAIN:** recheck
- **OPPOSITE:** unlucky

Challenge: I will repack my bag after I unroll my sleeping mat. In repack, re- means again. In unroll, un- means undo.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify re- as meaning again and un- as meaning not or undo. Accept other correctly formed words with these prefixes for Part 3.