

Prefix Meaning Match

Use word beginnings to unlock meaning.

4.2.A.iv “decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

MEANS AGAIN

Words with the prefix re- often tell that an action happens again.

repaint

MEANS NOT

Words with prefixes such as un- and dis- often mean not or the opposite.

unfair

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle AGAIN or NOT, then choose two words and explain which prefix helped you decide.

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| 1. reread | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 2. replay | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 3. unhappy | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 4. rebuild | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 5. unsafe | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 6. dishonest | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 7. redo | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |
| 8. disagree | ☐ AGAIN | ☐ NOT |

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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 for AGAIN and one new word for NOT.

AGAIN _____

NOT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a new re- word, then explain what the prefix means in that word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	reread	AGAIN	The prefix re- means read again.
2	replay	AGAIN	The prefix re- means play again.
3	unhappy	NOT	The prefix un- means not happy.
4	rebuild	AGAIN	The prefix re- means build again.
5	unsafe	NOT	The prefix un- means not safe.
6	dishonest	NOT	The prefix dis- means not honest.
7	redo	AGAIN	The prefix re- means do again.
8	disagree	NOT	The prefix dis- means not agree.

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:** rewrite
- **NOT:** untied

Challenge: I will refill my water bottle. The prefix re- means fill again.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other correctly spelled words with re- for AGAIN and un- or dis- for NOT when the prefix has the stated meaning. In Part 2, students should name the prefix and explain how it changes the base word.