

Prefix Meaning Match

Sort words by what their prefixes mean.

4.2.B.v “spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

RE- MEANS AGAIN

Use this category when the prefix re- means again.
redo

UN- MEANS NOT

Use this category when the prefix un- means not.
unripe

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle AGAIN or NOT for each word, then choose two words and explain how their prefixes helped you sort them.

1. reread AGAIN NOT

2. repaint AGAIN NOT

3. unhappy AGAIN NOT

4. reuse AGAIN NOT

5. unsafe AGAIN NOT

6. unfair AGAIN NOT

7. unkind AGAIN NOT

8. rebuild AGAIN NOT

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 in AGAIN and one new un- word in NOT.

AGAIN _____

NOT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses a re- word and an un- word. Make the sentence show that re- means again and un- means not.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	reread	AGAIN	The prefix re- means read again.
2	repaint	AGAIN	The prefix re- means paint again.
3	unhappy	NOT	The prefix un- means not happy.
4	reuse	AGAIN	The prefix re- means use again.
5	unsafe	NOT	The prefix un- means not safe.
6	unfair	NOT	The prefix un- means not fair.
7	unkind	NOT	The prefix un- means not kind.
8	rebuild	AGAIN	The prefix re- means build again.

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:** uneven

Challenge: I reread the unclear directions so I could understand them.

Accept new words only when re- means again and un- means not. In Part 2, students should name the prefix and explain its meaning, and they may identify the base word.