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	UN- MEANS NOT
Use this category when the prefix re- means again. redo	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.

ANSWER KEY

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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 any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.