

Word Part Detectives

Look at the beginning and ending word parts.

4.2 "Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

HAS A PREFIX

A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word. It can change the word's meaning.

misplace

HAS A SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. It can change the word's meaning or job in a sentence.

joyful

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX, then choose two words and explain which word part helped you sort each one.

1. rewrite

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. distrust

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. fearless

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. preview

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. payment

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. runner

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. misread

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. unkind

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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 one word with both a prefix and a suffix. Put brackets around the prefix and parentheses around the suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	rewrite	PREFIX	re- is a prefix added to the beginning of write.
2	distrust	PREFIX	dis- is a prefix added to the beginning of trust.
3	fearless	SUFFIX	-less is a suffix added to the end of fear.
4	preview	PREFIX	pre- is a prefix added to the beginning of view.
5	payment	SUFFIX	-ment is a suffix added to the end of pay.
6	runner	SUFFIX	-er is a suffix added to the end of run. The final consonant is doubled before adding the suffix.
7	misread	PREFIX	mis- is a prefix added to the beginning of read.
8	unkind	PREFIX	un- is a prefix added to the beginning of 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)

- **PREFIX:** repaint
- **SUFFIX:** darkness

Challenge: [un]help(ful)

Accept explanations that correctly identify a beginning prefix or an ending suffix in each chosen word. For the challenge, accept any correctly marked word that has both a prefix and a suffix.