

Sound-Alike Sort

Choose the spelling that matches the meaning.

4.3.D "Identify, use, and explain the meaning of homophones such as reign/rain."

NAME _____

DATE _____

WATER FROM CLOUDS

Use **rain** when you mean water that falls from clouds.
The **rain** watered the seedlings.

TIME OF RULING

Use **reign** when you mean the time a king or queen rules.
The emperor's **reign** ended peacefully.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RAIN or REIGN for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which clue told you the correct word.

1. Dark clouds brought ____ to the parade.

RAIN

REIGN

2. Mia wore boots in the ____.

RAIN

REIGN

3. The forecast says ____ tonight.

RAIN

REIGN

4. The queen's ____ lasted forty years.

RAIN

REIGN

5. Water the garden after the ____ stops.

RAIN

REIGN

6. The king began his ____ at age twenty.

RAIN

REIGN

7. Stories told of the ruler's long ____.

RAIN

REIGN

8. A sudden ____ filled the puddles.

RAIN

REIGN

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 sentence using **rain** correctly and one new sentence using **reign** correctly.

RAIN _____

REIGN _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both **rain** and **reign** correctly.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Dark clouds brought ___ to the parade.	RAIN	Clouds bring water that falls from the sky.
2	Mia wore boots in the ___.	RAIN	Boots can be worn in falling water.
3	The forecast says ___ tonight.	RAIN	A forecast can predict weather.
4	The queen's ___ lasted forty years.	REIGN	A queen rules during a reign.
5	Water the garden after the ___ stops.	RAIN	Rain can stop after falling.
6	The king began his ___ at age twenty.	REIGN	A king has a reign when he rules.
7	Stories told of the ruler's long ___.	REIGN	A ruler's time in power is a reign.
8	A sudden ___ filled the puddles.	RAIN	Falling water can fill puddles.

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)

- **RAIN:** The rain cooled the hot sidewalk.
- **REIGN:** The queen's reign began in spring.

Challenge: During the queen's reign, rain flooded the castle road.

Accept Part 2 explanations that connect rain to weather or falling water and reign to a king or queen ruling. For Part 3, check that each sentence shows the correct meaning and spelling.