

Affix Spotters

Look at the beginning or end of each word.

2.FFR.3.D "Use knowledge of affixes (e.g., suffixes, prefixes) to decode words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

PREFIX AT START

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

unzip = un + zip

SUFFIX AT END

A suffix is a word part at the end of a word. It can change the word's meaning.

kindness = kind + ness

1 SORT

8 items

Circle START or END for each word, then in Part 2 choose two words and explain whether the word part is at the beginning or the end.

1. repaint

START

END

2. unfair

START

END

3. singing

START

END

4. reheat

START

END

5. playful

START

END

6. teacher

START

END

7. slowly

START

END

8. dislike

START

END

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 at the start and one new word with a suffix at the end.

START _____

END _____

CHALLENGE

Write a word with a prefix and a suffix. Then name the prefix and the suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	repaint	START	The prefix re- is at the beginning.
2	unfair	START	The prefix un- is at the beginning.
3	singing	END	The suffix -ing is at the end.
4	reheat	START	The prefix re- is at the beginning.
5	playful	END	The suffix -ful is at the end.
6	teacher	END	The suffix -er is at the end.
7	slowly	END	The suffix -ly is at the end.
8	dislike	START	The prefix dis- is at the beginning.

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)

- **START:** redo
- **END:** rainy

Challenge: unhelpful, prefix: un-, suffix: -ful

For Part 2, accept any two sorted words if the student identifies the affix and tells whether it is at the beginning or end. For Part 3, accept other correctly formed words with a clear prefix or suffix.