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.

ANSWER KEY # Affix Spotters

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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

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