

Spell Check Detectives

Sort spellings, then prove two choices.

3.LU.2.D "Use learned spelling patterns when writing words, including high frequency words and grade level word analysis knowledge."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SPELLED RIGHT

This word uses spelling patterns correctly. You can read it as a real word.

playing

NEEDS FIXING

This word has a spelling mistake. Look for a missing, extra, or incorrect letter.

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1 SORT

8 items

Circle RIGHT or FIX for each word, then choose two words and explain which spelling pattern or letter clue helped you decide.

1. jumped

RIGHT

FIX

2. thay

RIGHT

FIX

3. basket

RIGHT

FIX

4. runnning

RIGHT

FIX

5. enjoyed

RIGHT

FIX

6. wich

RIGHT

FIX

7. careful

RIGHT

FIX

8. hoping

RIGHT

FIX

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 that is spelled right and one new word that needs fixing.

RIGHT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a correctly spelled word ending in -ing, write it in a sentence, then explain whether you doubled a consonant before adding -ing.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	jumped	RIGHT	The base word jump correctly adds -ed.
2	thay	FIX	The high-frequency word they is misspelled.
3	basket	RIGHT	The word is spelled correctly.
4	runnnng	FIX	The word has an extra n.
5	enjoyed	RIGHT	The base word enjoy correctly adds -ed.
6	wich	FIX	The word which is missing an h.
7	careful	RIGHT	The word is spelled correctly.
8	hoping	RIGHT	The base word hope drops the silent e before adding -ing.

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)

- **RIGHT:** helpful
- **FIX:** helpfull

Challenge: The rabbit was hopping across the grass. I doubled the p before adding -ing.

For Part 2, accept explanations that point to a correct pattern, such as adding -ed or dropping a silent e, or that identify a missing or extra letter. For Part 3, accept other accurate examples that fit each category.