Word Part Detectives

Sort words by the word part you find.

4.FFR.3 "Phonics and Word Analysis: The student will apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills to decode (read) unfamiliar words in grade level text. Use knowledge of syllabication and syllable types to decode and encode words..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

STARTS WITH A PREFIX

A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word. In unkind, un- comes before kind.

unkind

ENDS WITH A SUFFIX

A suffix is added to the end of a base word. In washable, -able comes after wash.

washable

1 SORT

8 items

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

1.	reread	PREFIX	SUFFIX
2.	misplace	PREFIX	SUFFIX
3.	hopeful	PREFIX	SUFFIX
4.	dislike	PREFIX	SUFFIX
5.	payment	PREFIX	SUFFIX
6.	farmer	PREFIX	SUFFIX
7.	cloudy	PREFIX	SUFFIX
8.	preheat	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 PREFIX word and one new SUFFIX word.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one word with both a prefix and a suffix, then name its base word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	reread	**PREFIX**	re- is a prefix added to read.
2	misplace	**PREFIX**	mis- is a prefix added to place.
3	hopeful	**SUFFIX**	-ful is a suffix added to hope.
4	dislike	**PREFIX**	dis- is a prefix added to like.
5	payment	**SUFFIX**	-ment is a suffix added to pay.
6	farmer	**SUFFIX**	-er is a suffix added to farm.
7	cloudy	**SUFFIX**	-y is a suffix added to cloud.
8	preheat	**PREFIX**	pre- is a prefix added to heat.

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**: replay
- **SUFFIX**: kindness

Challenge: disagreement, base word: agree

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Prove It, students should identify the prefix or suffix and the base word in each chosen item. Accept different correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge.