

Affix Word Hunt

Spot affixes at the start or end of words.

5.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 _____

HAS A PREFIX

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

disagree

HAS A SUFFIX

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. It can change a word's meaning or job.

careless

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word, circle PREFIX or SUFFIX, then choose two words and explain how their affixes helped you sort them.

1. redo

PREFIX

SUFFIX

2. misread

PREFIX

SUFFIX

3. hopeful

PREFIX

SUFFIX

4. preheat

PREFIX

SUFFIX

5. washable

PREFIX

SUFFIX

6. kindness

PREFIX

SUFFIX

7. unlock

PREFIX

SUFFIX

8. teacher

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 word with a prefix and one new word with a suffix.

PREFIX _____

SUFFIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one word with both a prefix and a suffix. Label the prefix, base, and suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	redo	PREFIX	re is added to the beginning of do.
2	misread	PREFIX	mis is added to the beginning of read.
3	hopeful	SUFFIX	ful is added to the end of hope.
4	preheat	PREFIX	pre is added to the beginning of heat.
5	washable	SUFFIX	able is added to the end of wash.
6	kindness	SUFFIX	ness is added to the end of kind.
7	unlock	PREFIX	un is added to the beginning of lock.
8	teacher	SUFFIX	er is added to the end of teach.

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:** unhappy
- **SUFFIX:** playful

Challenge: unhelpful: prefix un, base help, suffix ful

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether the affix is at the beginning or end of the base word. For the challenge, accept any correctly labeled word with both a prefix and a suffix.