Spell Check Detectives

Look closely at every word part.

5.FFW "The student will print legibly in manuscript and cursive while applying grade level word knowledge to spell words correctly. Handwriting Maintain legible printing. Maintain legible cursive. Sign first and last name..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

A correctly spelled word has the right letters in the right order. Check its sounds, syllables, and word parts.

careful

NEEDS A FIX

A word that needs a fix has a missing, extra, or mixed-up letter. Use what you know about sounds and word parts to correct it.

tommorow

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, then circle CORRECT or FIX.

1.	joyful	CORRECT FIX
2.	musician	CORRECT FIX
3.	releif	CORRECT FIX
4.	argument	CORRECT FIX
5.	dissappear	CORRECT FIX
6.	goverment	CORRECT FIX
7.	beautiful	CORRECT FIX
8.	knowledge	CORRECT 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 correctly spelled word and one new word that needs a spelling fix. Do not use a word from the sort.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word labeled CORRECT and one word labeled FIX. For each word, explain a sound, syllable, or word part that helped you decide.

ANSWER KEY # Spell Check Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	joyful	**CORRECT**	Joy + -ful is spelled correctly.
2	musician	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled correctly.
3	releif	**FIX**	Relief is spelled r-e-l-i-e-f.
4	argument	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled correctly.
5	dissappear	**FIX**	Disappear has one s, not two.
6	goverment	**FIX**	Government keeps the n in govern.
7	beautiful	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled correctly.
8	knowledge	**CORRECT**	The word is spelled correctly.

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)

- **CORRECT**: separate
- **FIX**: definately

Challenge: I chose joyful, CORRECT, because it combines joy and -ful. I chose goverment, FIX, because govern + -ment keeps the n in govern, so it should be government.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept different correctly spelled words and plausible misspellings in Part 3. For the proof, look for accurate use of a sound, syllable, or word-part clue.