Constructing Words

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Many long words are **built from parts**: two small words (**sun + flower**), or a base word with a **prefix** at the start (**re**play) or a **suffix** at the end (play**ful**).

Spelling tip: when you add -ing to a word like *run*, double the last letter: run → ru**nn**ing.

1. Build the word

Circle the word that the parts make.



1. sun + flower = _____ — sunflower | sunflowr | sunsflower
2. re + paint = _____ — repainting | repaint | paintre
3. help + ful = _____ — helpfull | helpfil | helpful
4. un + lock = _____ — unlock | lockun | unlok
5. rain + bow = _____ — rainbo | rainbow | raynbow
6. run + ing = _____ — runing | runnng | running
7. care + less = _____ — careless | carless | carelss
8. foot + ball = _____ — footbal | football | fotball

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2. Make and use

Join the parts. Then write a sentence with your new word.

1. dis + like

2. play + ground

3. kind + ness

Answer Key

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1. Build the word

1	sun + flower = **sunflower**	**sunflower**	sunflowr	sunsflower
2	re + paint = **repaint**	repainting	**repaint**	paintre
3	help + ful = **helpful**	helpfull	helpfil	**helpful**
4	un + lock = **unlock**	**unlock**	lockun	unlok
5	rain + bow = **rainbow**	rainbo	**rainbow**	raynbow
6	run + ing = **running**	runing	runnng	**running**
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2. Make and use

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. dis + like
   dislike: I dislike cold soup.
2. play + ground
   playground: We ran to the playground at recess.
3. kind + ness
   kindness: Her kindness made me smile.