

Year 4 English Assessment: Prefixes and Suffixes

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of root words.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of word structure to complete the tasks. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Max the monkey is very helpful. He likes to organise his fruit collection. Sometimes he misplaces his bananas, but he quickly re-organises his pile. His friend Pip the caterpillar watches carefully as Max works. Pip thinks Max is a tireless worker who enjoys his tasks immensely.

Word bank: dis- · mis- · re- · un- · -ly · -ful · -less · -ation

1. Identify two words from the passage that use a prefix. Explain what the prefix means in each word. (2 marks)

2. Add the correct prefix from the word bank to the root word 'happy' to create the antonym (opposite). Use the new word in a sentence. (2 marks)

3. Change the root word 'care' into an adjective using a suffix from the word bank to describe someone who does not take care. (1 mark)

4. Explain the difference in meaning between 'hopeful' and 'hopeless'. Use examples to support your answer. (3 marks)

5. Choose three root words and add a different suffix to each to create new words. Write your words in a table. (3 marks)

6. Max has a collection of 50 shiny pebbles. He accidentally drops them and has to re-sort them. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about Max's tidy-up mission. You must include at least two words with prefixes and two words with suffixes. Underline these words. (5 marks)

7. Change the verb 'inform' into a noun by adding a suffix. Then, explain how the meaning changes. (2 marks)

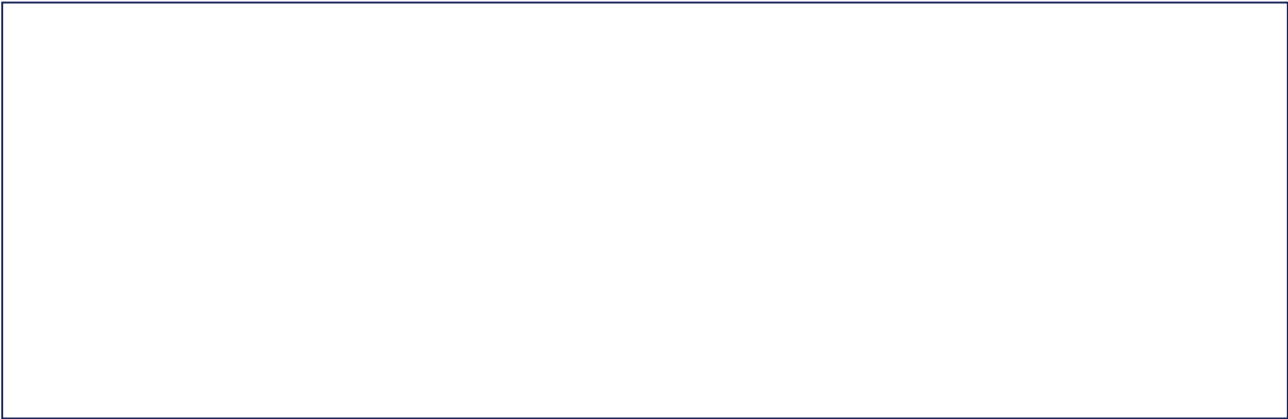
8. Why do we add the suffix '-ly' to the word 'quick'? Give an example of how this word changes the meaning of a sentence. (2 marks)

9. Add the prefix 'dis-' to the word 'appear'. What does the new word mean? (2 marks)

10. Identify the root word in 'reappearance'. (1 mark)

11. Explain why adding the suffix '-ation' changes 'inform' into a different word class. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey organizing his fruit pile. Label your drawing with three words that use suffixes or prefixes (e.g., 'carefully', 'untidy').



Extension challenge: Total: /25