

Max the Maths Monkey's Word-Puzzle Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and apply prefixes and suffixes to root words to change their meaning.

Read each question carefully. Help Max the monkey solve these word puzzles by choosing the correct prefix or suffix, or by identifying how they change the word's meaning. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.B, 4.True, 5.False, 6.Unhappy, 7.Careless, 8.Replay, 9.Slowly, 10.Misunderstand.

Word bank: un- · re- · mis- · -ful · -less · -ly · -ness

1. Which prefix should you add to 'do' to show that you need to do something again? A) un- B) mis- C) re-* D) sub- (1 mark)

2. If you add the suffix '-ful' to the word 'help', what is the new word? A) Helpful* B) Help-less C) Help-ness D) Help-ly (1 mark)

3. Which word uses the prefix 'mis-' correctly to mean 'done wrongly'? A) Mis-tall B) Mis-behave* C) Mis-blue D) Mis-run (1 mark)

4. True or False: Adding the suffix '-less' to a word often means 'without' (e.g., fearless). (1 mark)

5. True or False: The prefix 'un-' always turns a word into a type of fruit. (1 mark)

6. What is the opposite of 'happy' using the prefix 'un-'? (1 mark)

7. If someone is not being careful, what word ending in '-less' describes them? (1 mark)

8. Max wants to watch his favourite cartoon again. What word starting with 're-' should he use? (1 mark)

9. Change the adjective 'slow' into an adverb by adding the correct suffix. (1 mark)

10. Add a prefix to the word 'understand' to describe what happens when you get the wrong meaning. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey holding a sign that says 'UN-DO' in one hand and 'RE-DO' in the other. Show him looking puzzled while wearing a chef's hat!



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write three sentences of your own. In each sentence, include one word that uses a prefix or a suffix to change its meaning.