

Max and Kit's Prefix and Suffix Challenge

Learning objective: To understand how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of root words, in line with Year 4 National Curriculum standards.

Read the front of each card to Max the monkey and Kit the fox. Try to guess the meaning of the new word before checking the answer on the back!

What is a prefix?

A group of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.

What is a suffix?

A group of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning.

What does the prefix 'un-' mean?

Not or the opposite of (e.g., unhappy).

Add the prefix 'dis-' to the word 'agree'. What is the new word and its meaning?

Disagree: To have a different opinion.

What does the prefix 'mis-' mean in the word 'misbehave'?

Wrongly or badly.

Add the suffix '-ful' to 'help'. What does the new word mean?

Helpful: Giving help or being useful.

Add the suffix '-less' to 'fear'. What does the new word mean?

Fearless: Without fear; brave.

What does the suffix '-ly' usually turn an adjective into?

An adverb (describing how something is done, e.g., quickly).

Turn the verb 'inform' into a noun using a suffix.

Information.

What is the root word in 'reappearance'?

Appear.

Add a prefix to 'lock' to show the action of opening it.

Unlock.

Max has £5. He spends 50p. Is he 'careful' or 'careless' with his money?

Careful (because he is being sensible with his spending).