

Max's Magnificent Word Lab: Prefix and Suffix Explorer

Learning objective: To understand how adding prefixes and suffixes to root words changes their meaning and function.

Max the monkey has been busy building a word machine! To help him, look at the root words provided. Add a prefix (like un-, re-, dis-, or mis-) or a suffix (like -ly, -ful, -less, or -ness) to create new words. Then, use your new words to complete the sentences below.

Word bank: happy · kind · play · tidy · fix · colour

1. Choose two root words from the bank. Add a prefix to each one and explain how the meaning has changed. (4 marks)

2. Choose two root words from the bank. Add a suffix to each one and write a sentence for each to show you understand the new word. (4 marks)

3. Max says 'untidy' is the opposite of 'tidy'. Can you find another prefix that creates an opposite? Write it here. (2 marks)

4. Why do we add -ly to the end of some words? Give an example of a word that changes when you add -ly. (2 marks)

5. Think of a new word using the root 'colour' and a suffix. Use it in a sentence about Zara the zebra's favourite art project. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you challenge yourself to find a word that has both a prefix and a suffix? (Example: un-help-ful). Write a paragraph using three of your own complex words!