

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use prefixes and suffixes to change the meaning of words and enhance descriptive writing.

Max the Monkey is trying to build a 'Word Tree'. Use the prompts below to write a story about an adventure in the jungle. Remember to include words with prefixes (like un-, dis-, mis-, re-, sub-, inter-) and suffixes (like -ation, -ly, -ous, -ful, -less) to make your sentences more interesting.

Max the monkey swung through the thick, green canopy, his eyes searching for the hidden treasure that had been lost for years.

Word bank: unfortunately · disappeared · reappeared · misunderstood · cautiously · wonderful · careless · excitement · intertwined · submerged

1. Paragraph 1: The Discovery. How did Max feel when he found the map? Start with: 'Max felt a sense of excitement when he looked at the map, which had been mislaid by the explorers...' (2 marks)

2. Paragraph 2: The Obstacle. What happened to slow him down? Start with: 'The path was unfortunately blocked by a tangle of vines that were intertwined...' (2 marks)

3. Paragraph 3: The Clever Solution. How did Max solve the problem? Start with: 'He moved cautiously, ensuring he was not careless, and decided to re-evaluate his route...' (2 marks)

4. Paragraph 4: The Result. How did the story end? Start with: 'The treasure finally reappeared behind a waterfall, making for a wonderful conclusion to his journey...' (2 marks)

5. Review: Highlight or list three words you used that contain a prefix and two words that contain a suffix. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you rewrite one of your sentences by adding a different prefix or suffix to change the meaning entirely? For example, changing 'helpful' to 'helpless'.