

Mastering the Spelling Maze with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To improve spelling accuracy by understanding prefixes, suffixes, and common Year 4 homophones.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of spelling patterns. Kit the Fox says: 'Look closely at the word structure to solve the puzzle!'

What is a prefix?

A group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning, such as 'dis-' in 'disappear'.

What is a suffix?

A group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning or function, such as '-ly' in 'happily'.

Define 'homophone' and provide an example.

A word that sounds the same as another but has a different meaning and spelling, for example: 'bored' and 'board'.

How does the prefix 'mis-' change the verb 'behave'?

It changes it to 'misbehave', meaning to behave badly or incorrectly.

Explain the spelling rule when adding '-ly' to 'happy'.

When a word ends in a consonant plus 'y', you change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding the suffix.

What is the difference between 'fair' and 'fare'?

'Fair' means treating people equally or a fun event, while 'fare' is the price paid for a journey on a bus or train.

Add the correct prefix to 'appear' to mean 'to show up again'.

Reappear.

Why do we add a suffix to the adjective 'careful' to make 'carefully'?

To turn the adjective into an adverb, which describes how an action is performed.

Compare and contrast the meaning of 'disappear' and 'reappear'.

They are antonyms; 'disappear' means to pass out of sight, while 'reappear' means to come back into sight.

Justify why 'board' is the correct spelling when talking about a wooden plank.

Because 'bored' is the past tense of feeling uninterested, whereas 'board' refers to a flat piece of wood or a surface used in a classroom.

What might happen if you forgot to change the 'y' to an 'i' when spelling 'happily'?

You would create a misspelling ('happyly') which breaks the standard spelling convention for words ending in a consonant + y.

Explain why it is important to check for homophones in your writing.

Using the wrong homophone can change the meaning of your sentence entirely, making it difficult for the reader to understand your intended message.