

Max's Math Store: The Prefix and Suffix Puzzle

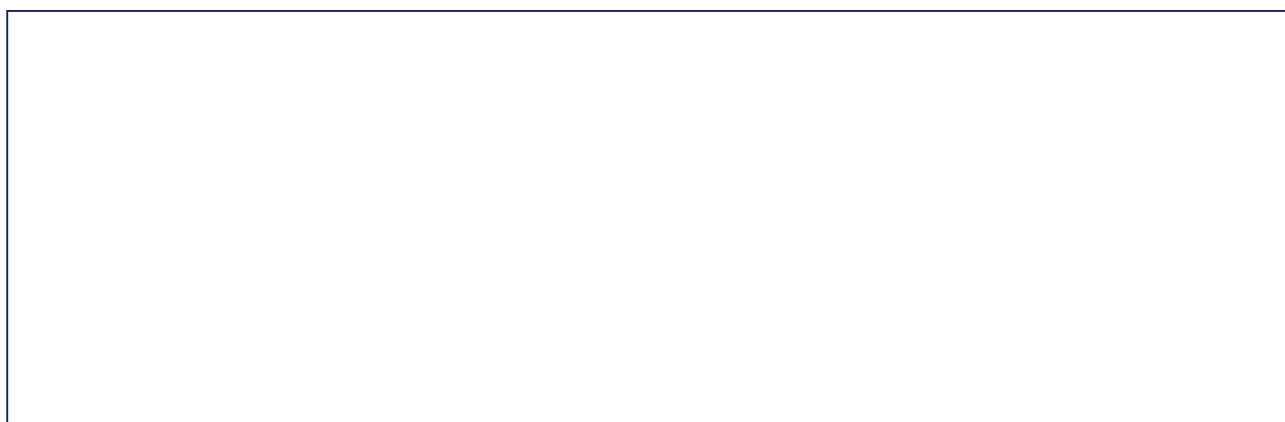
Learning objective: To understand and apply prefixes (un-, dis-, mis-, re-, sub-) and suffixes (-ation, -ly, -ous) to root words to change their meaning.

Max the monkey is opening a store! To label his items correctly, he needs you to combine the root words in the word bank with the correct prefix or suffix. Read the clues below and write the new, finished word in the box. Remember, adding a prefix or suffix can completely change how a word is used in a sentence!

Word bank: happy · appear · calculate · usual · kind · danger · place

- 1. Max has a box of toys that he needs to put away again. Use the prefix 're-' with the root word 'place' to describe what he is doing. (2 marks)**
- 2. The store sign was missing, so it seemed to vanish! Use the prefix 'dis-' with 'appear' to describe the missing sign. (2 marks)**
- 3. Max is very careful when handling glass jars. Add the suffix '-ly' to 'kind' to describe how he puts the jars on the shelf. (2 marks)**
- 4. Some of the toys are quite risky to play with. Add the suffix '-ous' to 'danger' to describe the toys. (2 marks)**
- 5. Max is not feeling very cheerful today. Add the prefix 'un-' to 'happy' to describe his mood. (2 marks)**

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing in his store, pointing to a sign that uses one of the new words you created today.



Extension challenge: Can you think of a root word that can take BOTH a prefix and a suffix at the same time? For example: 'un-kind-ly'. Write a sentence using your new word!