

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and apply prefixes and suffixes to root words to modify their meaning, as required by the Year 5 English curriculum.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of words. Read the front of the card, think of the answer, and then flip to check your understanding!

What is a prefix?

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

What is a suffix?

A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning or word class.

What does the prefix 're-' mean?

It means 'again' (e.g., redo, rewrite).

Add a prefix to 'happy' to mean the opposite.

Unhappy (using the prefix 'un-').

What does the suffix '-less' mean?

It means 'without' (e.g., hopeless, fearless).

Turn the adjective 'quick' into an adverb using a suffix.

Quickly (using the suffix '-ly').

What does the prefix 'dis-' mean?

It often means 'not' or 'opposite of' (e.g., disagree, disappear).

Add a suffix to 'care' to mean 'full of care'.

Careful (using the suffix '-ful').

What is a root word?

A basic word that can have prefixes or suffixes added to it to create new words.

What does the suffix '-tion' do to the verb 'educate'?

It turns it into a noun: 'education'.

Which prefix means 'not' and starts with 'in-'? (e.g., 'incorrect')

The prefix 'in-'.

Can you add a prefix to 'appear' to show it happened before?

Disappear (note: this changes the state, but 'reappear' is also a valid construction using 're-').