

Word Building with Max the Monkey: Prefixes and Suffixes

Learning objective: To understand and use common prefixes and suffixes to change the meaning of root words.

Key Vocabulary

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles. He knows that adding a group of letters to the start or end of a word can change what it means. Read these definitions to help you build new words. Look at the word bank at the bottom for help.

Prefix A group of letters added to the start of...	Suffix A group of letters added to the end of ...	Root word The base word that can stand al...
Un- A prefix meaning 'not' (e.g., unhappy).	Re- A prefix meaning 'to do again' (e.g., redo...	Dis- A prefix meaning 'the opposite' (e.g., di...
Mis- A prefix meaning 'wrongly' (e.g., misbe...	Pre- A prefix meaning 'before' (e.g., preheat).	-ed A suffix used to show the past tense (e.g...
-ing A suffix used to show an action is happ...	-ful A suffix meaning 'full of' (e.g., helpful).	-less A suffix meaning 'without' (e.g., homele...
-ly A suffix used to describe how something i...		