

Max's Word Puzzles: Prefixes and Suffixes

Learning objective: To understand how adding prefixes and suffixes can change the meaning of a word.

Hello! I am Max the monkey. I love maths, but I also love playing with words. A prefix goes at the start of a word. A suffix goes at the end of a word. Look at the word bank to help you complete these tasks.

Word bank: un- (means not) · re- (means again) · -ful (means full of) · -less (means without)

1. Add 'un-' to these words to make a new word. Example: happy -> unhappy.

1. kind: _____

2. tidy: _____ (2 marks)

2. Add 're-' to these words. This means to do it again. Example: play -> replay.

1. fill: _____

2. paint: _____ (2 marks)

3. Add '-ful' or '-less' to the word 'help'.

1. If you are full of help, you are _____.

2. If you have no help at all, you are _____. (2 marks)

4. Max is tidying his toys. Use the word 'pack' with the prefix 're-' to write a sentence. Start your sentence with: 'Max will...' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey 're-painting' a colourful picture of a banana. _____



Extension challenge: Can you find a new word using the prefix 'un-' and write it in a sentence?