

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use prefixes (such as re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto-) and suffixes (-ation, -ly, -ous) to expand vocabulary and enhance descriptive writing.

Use this writing frame to craft a short story about Max the Monkey's latest mathematical discovery. Aim to include at least four different prefixes and four different suffixes to describe his actions and emotions. Remember to check your spelling carefully as you transform your root words.

Max the monkey sat in the centre of the jungle, staring intensely at a mysterious, metallic box that had suddenly appeared beneath the giant fern.

Word bank: reappear · submerge · international · superb · anticlockwise · automatic · calculation · joyously · courageous · tremendously · furthermore · consequently · nevertheless · in addition

1. Describe the moment Max decides to investigate the box. Use a word with a prefix to explain how he approaches the object and a word with a suffix to describe his feelings. Start your paragraph with: 'Max moved...' (2 marks)

2. Explain why Max might be feeling courageous as he attempts to open the box. What might happen if he fails to solve the puzzle inside? Start with: 'Max felt...' (2 marks)

3. Justify why Max's mathematical calculation was essential to unlocking the device. Use at least two suffix words to describe his process. Start with: 'The calculation was...' (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how Max felt at the beginning of his discovery versus how he feels now that the box is open. Start with: 'Initially, Max was...' (3 marks)

5. What might happen if the box contained an automatic message in an international language? How would Max react? Start with: 'If the message were to...' (3 marks)

6. Reflect on your writing: Why do we use prefixes and suffixes to improve our descriptive language? Provide an example of how changing a root word changes the entire meaning of your sentence. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a 'Letter to the Jungle' from Max's perspective. You must include at least ten words that use prefixes or suffixes. Underline your chosen words and explain how the prefix or suffix changes the meaning of the root word.