

Max's Word Puzzle: Building Words with Prefixes and Suffixes

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

Help Max the monkey solve his word puzzles! Read the root word. Add a prefix (like un- or re-) or a suffix (like -ful or -less) to make a new word. Write your sentences in the spaces below.

Max the monkey looked at his list of words and started to add new parts to them to change their meaning.

Word bank: unhappy · careful · rewrite · fearless · dislike · quickly · because · and · so

1. The root word is 'happy'. Add a prefix to make it mean not happy. Write a sentence using this new word: 'The monkey was...' (2 marks)

2. The root word is 'care'. Add a suffix to make it mean full of care. Write a sentence using this new word: 'I was...' (2 marks)

3. The root word is 'write'. Add a prefix to mean write it again. Write a sentence using this new word: 'I had to...' (2 marks)

4. The root word is 'fear'. Add a suffix to mean without fear. Write a sentence using this new word: 'The lion felt...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you find one more word that ends in -ful and one word that starts with un-? Write them down here.