

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use a range of prefixes and suffixes to change the meaning of words and improve vocabulary in descriptive writing.

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles, especially word puzzles! Use this writing frame to write a short story about an adventure in the forest. Use the prefix and suffix lists to help you transform your base words into more exciting, descriptive language.

Max the monkey climbed the tallest tree in the forest, feeling rather uncertain about the strange, shimmering object he had spotted in the distance.

Word bank: Prefixes: un-, dis-, mis-, re-, over-, sub- · Suffixes: -ful, -less, -able, -ment, -ness, -tion · Connectives: Furthermore, Consequently, Despite this, Meanwhile, Subsequently

1. The Discovery: Describe what Max found using at least one word with an 'un-' or 'dis-' prefix. Start with: Max reached the clearing and... (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Explain the difficulty Max faced using a word with an '-able' or '-ment' suffix. Start with: To his amazement, the path ahead was... (2 marks)

3. The Solution: Describe how Max solved the puzzle using a word with a '-tion' suffix. Start with: After careful consideration, Max decided to... (2 marks)

4. The Feeling: How did Max feel at the end of his adventure? Use a word with a '-ful' or '-less' suffix. Start with: As the sun set, Max felt... (2 marks)

5. Challenge Task: Can you rewrite one of your sentences above using a different prefix or suffix to change the meaning entirely? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose three base words (e.g., 'agree', 'hope', 'kind'). Create a table showing how many different words you can make from them by adding various prefixes and suffixes.