

Max's Magnificent Morphing Word Lab

Learning objective: To understand and apply prefixes and suffixes to change the meaning and word class of root words.

Max the monkey has discovered that root words can be transformed! Use the word bank to select root words and add prefixes (like 'un-', 're-', 'dis-', 'mis-') or suffixes (like '-ful', '-less', '-ment', '-able') to create new words. Follow the boxes below to build your own vocabulary laboratory.

Word bank: happy · place · read · kind · fold · agree · joy · comfort

1. Prefix Power: Choose a root word from the bank and add a prefix to create a new word. Write the new word and explain how the meaning has changed. (2 marks)

2. Suffix Success: Choose a different root word from the bank and add a suffix to change it into a noun or adjective. Use it in a sentence. (2 marks)

3. The Double Transformation: Can you find a root word that can take BOTH a prefix and a suffix? Write your new word and break it down: [Prefix] + [Root] + [Suffix]. (3 marks)

4. Misunderstood Meaning: Max is confused! Explain why adding the prefix 'un-' to the word 'happy' changes the meaning to its opposite. (2 marks)

5. Creative Challenge: Write a short, three-sentence story using at least two words you have created by adding prefixes or suffixes. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose your favorite word from your lab. Can you create a 'Word Tree' drawing where the root word is the trunk, and every branch is a new word you have created by adding a different prefix or suffix?