

Mastering the Spelling Maze with Max the Monkey

Don't monkey around with your spelling—unlock the code and become a word wizard!

- How can identifying the root word or prefix help you decipher the meaning and spelling of a longer, more complex word?
- Why is it essential to consider context when choosing between homophones like 'there', 'their', and 'they're'?
- What is the rule for adding a suffix that begins with a vowel to a word ending in a silent 'e'?
- How does breaking a multisyllabic word into smaller, manageable chunks assist in accurate spelling?
- In what ways can a dictionary or thesaurus act as a toolkit for refining your vocabulary and spelling choices?

Did you know? Did you know that the ELA language is a brilliant patchwork quilt of history? Many words we use today were borrowed from Latin, Greek, French, and Old Norse! Because of this, some words don't follow the 'standard' rules, which is why we call them 'Common Exception Words'. Next time you spot a tricky word, think of it as a historical treasure to be discovered!

Key vocabulary: Homophone · Suffix · Prefix · Etymology · Phoneme · Grapheme · Consonant · Vowel