

Mastering the Spelling Maze with Kit the Fox

Don't get tangled in the tail-twisters—unlock your vocabulary potential with Kit's clever spelling strategies!

- **Why is it important to identify the root word before adding a suffix? Explain how the meaning changes when adding '-ed' or '-ing'.**
- **How can you distinguish between homophones like 'stationary' and 'stationery' by using them in context-rich sentences?**
- **What is the rule for adding a suffix to a word ending in 'y' when the letter before it is a consonant?**
- **How do prefixes like 'un-', 'dis-', and 'mis-' alter the meaning of an adjective or verb?**
- **Why do some words require a double consonant before adding a suffix? Think about the syllable stress in words like 'refer' vs 'reference'.**

Did you know? Did you know that the ELA language is a brilliant patchwork quilt? Many of our words are borrowed from Latin, Greek, French, and Old Norse! Because we have collected words from all over the world, some spellings follow different patterns depending on where the word originally came from. That is why Kit says: 'Always look for the root word first!'

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