

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To understand and apply prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words, demonstrating greater depth in vocabulary and grammatical precision.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning or word class of a base word. Read the front, predict the answer, and flip to reveal the definition and example.

What is a prefix?

A letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.

What is the meaning of the prefix 'anti-'?

It means 'against' or 'opposed to', for example: antisocial.

What is a suffix?

A letter or group of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning or word class.

How does the suffix '-ible' change a noun or verb into an adjective?

It indicates that something is capable of being done, for example: visible or edible.

What does the prefix 'mis-' imply?

It implies doing something wrongly or badly, for example: misunderstand or misbehave.

Explain the function of the suffix '-ation'.

It turns a verb into a noun, representing an action or process, for example: creation or exploration.

What does the prefix 'super-' mean?

It means 'above', 'beyond', or 'extraordinary', for example: superhuman or supersonic.

The suffix '-ous' often creates an adjective. What does it mean?

It means 'full of' or 'possessing the qualities of', for example: dangerous or courageous.

What happens to the root word 'happy' when you add the prefix 'un-' and suffix '-ness'?

It becomes 'unhappiness', turning an adjective into an abstract noun.

Why is it important to identify the root word before adding a prefix or suffix?

It helps you understand the core meaning and ensures you follow spelling rules (like dropping the 'e' before adding '-ing').