

Mastering the Morphological Maze with Kit the Fox

Transform your vocabulary and unlock the secrets of words with Kit the Fox!

- A prefix is a string of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning, such as 'dis-' in 'disappear'.
- A suffix is a string of letters added to the end of a root word, often changing the word class, such as turning the verb 'act' into the noun 'action'.
- When adding a suffix beginning with a vowel to a word ending in 'e', we usually drop the 'e' first (e.g., 'write' becomes 'writing').
- The prefix 're-' usually signifies that an action is being performed again, like 'rebuild' or 'revisit'.
- Using suffixes like '-able' or '-ible' transforms a root word into an adjective, describing a quality something possesses.
- Careful spelling is required when adding suffixes to words ending in 'y'; often the 'y' changes to an 'i' before the suffix is added.

Did you know? Did you know? The longest word in the English language that doesn't repeat a letter is 'uncopyrightable'! It is built from a root word with both a prefix ('un-') and a suffix ('-able'). Can you identify the root word hidden inside?

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