

Max's Morphing Morphemes Challenge

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and apply prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words.

Help Max the monkey solve these linguistic puzzles! Read each question carefully. For multiple choice, select the correct option. For true/false and short answer questions, write your responses clearly.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.mis-, 4.False, 5.enjoyable, 6.True, 7.dis-, 8.True, 9.re- or un-, 10.happiness.

Greater Depth Reasoning: 1. The suffix changes the word class (e.g., verb to noun). 2. Prefixes change meaning/negate; suffixes change word class/tense. 3. 'Invaluable' means priceless, whereas 'valueless' means worthless. 4. 'Disrespectful' contains both. 5. 'Information' and 'invention'. 6. Creative writing piece demonstrating understanding of morphemes.

Word bank: mis- · re- · un- · in- · -ful · -less · -able · -tion · -ment · -ness

**1. 1. Which prefix would you add to the word 'behave' to suggest someone is acting badly?
A) re- B) un- C) mis- D) in- * (1 mark)**

2. 2. True or False: Adding the suffix '-less' to a word typically creates an adjective meaning 'without'. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which prefix means 'to do again'? Write your one-word answer. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The suffix '-tion' turns a verb into an adverb. (1 mark)

5. 5. Add a suitable suffix to the root word 'enjoy' to describe a film you liked. (Example: _____) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'Impossible' uses the prefix 'im-' to mean 'not'. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the prefix in the word 'disappear'? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: 'Carefully' uses the suffix '-ly' to turn an adjective into an adverb. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which prefix could you add to 'tie' to mean 'to undo'? (1 mark)

10. 10. Change the adjective 'happy' into a noun by adding a suffix. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'Root Word Tree'. The trunk of the tree is the word 'Active'. Draw branches showing different words growing from the trunk using prefixes (e.g., inactive) and suffixes (e.g., actively, activity).



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why adding a suffix often changes the word class of a root word. 2. Compare and contrast the prefixes 'un-' and 'non-'. Can they always be used interchangeably? Justify your answer. 3. Investigate the words 'invaluable' and 'valueless'. Why do these words have opposite meanings despite both using prefixes/suffixes related to value? 4. Identify a word that contains both a prefix and a suffix. 5. Create two new nouns using the suffix '-tion'. 6. Write a short, whimsical paragraph about Max the monkey using at least five words that have been modified by prefixes or suffixes.