

The Morphological Explorer's Guide: Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes

Learning objective: To apply knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to expand vocabulary and enhance the descriptive quality of persuasive writing.

Use this scaffold to write a short persuasive piece about an invention. Focus on using prefixes like 'un-', 're-', 'dis-', 'mis-', and 'in-', and suffixes like '-able', '-ful', '-less', and '-ion' to help your reader understand your ideas more clearly.

Max the monkey has finally finished his latest invention, the 'Automatic Banana-Peeler 3000', and he is determined to convince the rest of the BookFlik crew that it is the most useful gadget in the forest.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · unexpectedly · remarkably · thoughtfully · incredibly · misinterpretation · reimagined · effortlessly

1. Introduction: Describe Max's invention. Start with 'Max's invention is truly remarkable because...' Include a word with the suffix '-able' or '-ful'. (2 marks)

2. The Problem: Explain why the old way of doing things was 'unsatisfactory' or 'inefficient'. Use a prefix like 'mis-' or 'un-' to describe the old method. (2 marks)

3. The Solution: Explain how the invention works. Use a verb with the prefix 're-' (e.g., 'reorganised', 'rebuilt') to show how it improves the process. (2 marks)

4. Comparison: Compare the invention to a manual method. Use the suffix '-less' (e.g., 'effortless', 'careless') to justify why your invention is superior. (2 marks)

5. Persuasion: Explain why others should support this invention. Justify your answer by using a word ending in '-ion' (e.g., 'innovation', 'completion'). (2 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your argument. What might happen if the crew decides not to use it? Use an adverb ending in '-ly'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why adding the prefix 'un-' changes the meaning of 'kind' to 'unkind'. 2. Compare and contrast the suffix '-ful' and '-less'. 3. Justify why you chose your specific prefix/suffix combinations to persuade your reader. 4. If you were to add a prefix to the word 'predictable', what would the new word be, and how would its meaning change? 5. Create a new invention name using at least one prefix and one suffix. 6. Write a paragraph explaining the potential consequences of a 'misunderstood' invention.