

Max's Word-Building Workshop

Learning objective: To understand and use prefixes (un-, dis-, mis-) and suffixes (-ful, -less, -ly) to change the meaning of root words.

Max the monkey has been busy collecting root words and building blocks! To help him finish his maths puzzle, you need to combine the root words with the correct prefix or suffix from the Word Bank to create a new, real word. Write your new word in the space provided. Remember: a prefix goes at the start, and a suffix goes at the end!

Word bank: un- · dis- · mis- · -ful · -less · -ly

- 1. Max takes the root word 'happy' and adds a suffix to describe someone who is full of happiness. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

- 2. Add a prefix to the word 'behave' to describe someone who is acting badly. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

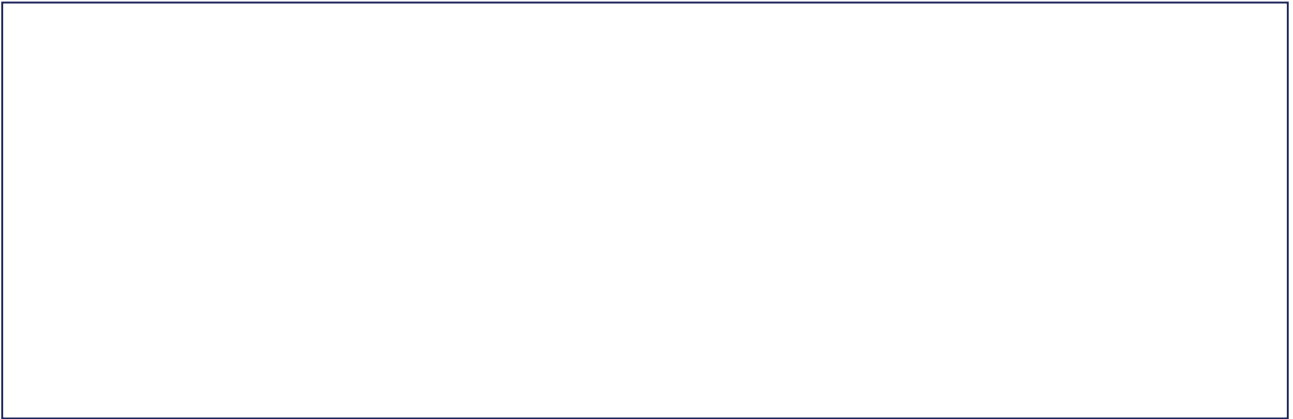
- 3. Take the word 'fear' and add a suffix to describe someone who has no fear at all. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

- 4. Add a suffix to the word 'quick' to describe how a monkey moves when he is solving a puzzle. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

- 5. Max is not happy with his messy desk. Add a prefix to 'order' to create a word that means untidy. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

- 6. Add a prefix to 'tie' to show the action of undoing a knot. What is the new word? (2 marks)**

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a giant wooden block with the word 'HAPPY' on it, while he tries to attach a smaller block with '-NESS' or '-FUL' to the end of it.



Extension challenge: Choose two of your new words and write a short, funny sentence for each one. Can you find one more word that uses the suffix '-ly' to describe an action?