

Max's Magnificent Word-Building Quiz

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use prefixes (un-, dis-, mis-, re-) and suffixes (-ly, -ful, -less) correctly.

Max the monkey is busy organising his word puzzles! Read each question carefully and help him sort out these prefixes and suffixes. Write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. B, 5. C, 6. False, 7. D, 8. re-read, 9. True, 10. helpful. (Teachers: Check that students have identified the root words correctly).

Word bank: unhappy · careless · reappear · quickly · disagree · helpful · misbehave · thoughtless

1. 1. Which prefix would you add to 'do' to mean 'do it again'? A) re-*, B) un-, C) dis-, D) mis- (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Adding the suffix '-ly' to an adjective often turns it into an adverb. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The prefix 'un-' always means 'to do something again'. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which word means 'without care'? A) careful, B) careless*, C) caring, D) cared (1 mark)

5. 5. Which word has a prefix that means 'not'? A) playground, B) quickly, C) unhappy*, D) joyful (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You can add the suffix '-ful' to the word 'red' to make a new word. (1 mark)

7. 7. What does the prefix 'dis-' usually mean? A) again, B) very, C) after, D) opposite of* (1 mark)

8. 8. Write a new word by adding a prefix to the word 'read' that means to read again. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: 'Misbehave' means to behave in a bad way. (1 mark)

10. 10. Add a suffix to the word 'help' to describe someone who is full of help. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey holding two large wooden blocks. One block has 'un-' written on it and the other has '-ful' written on it. He is trying to build a tower of words!



Extension challenge: Choose two prefixes and two suffixes from the word bank and write four original sentences using one of each in every sentence.