

Max's Magnificent Word Workshop

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

Max the monkey has been busy collecting root words for his maths puzzles. Help him sort these words by adding the correct prefixes or suffixes to build new, exciting vocabulary. Read each prompt carefully and use the word bank to help you complete your word-building tasks.

Word bank: happy · kind · lock · honest · quick · colour · play

1. The Opposite Prefix: Max wants to undo a mistake. Choose a root word from the bank and add 'un-', 'dis-', or 'mis-' to create a new word. Explain what your new word means. (2 marks)

2. The Suffix Surprise: Pick a root word and add '-ful' (full of) or '-less' (without). Write a sentence using your new word to describe one of our BookFlik friends. (2 marks)

3. The Adverb Adventure: Add the suffix '-ly' to a root word from the bank to describe how someone might do something. Write a sentence using this new word. (2 marks)

4. Prefix Challenge: Some words can take more than one prefix. Can you find a word that works with both 'un-' and 'dis-'? Write both words here. (2 marks)

5. Word Detective: Look at your new list of words. Which suffix or prefix do you think is the most useful to use when writing a story? Why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you create a 'Word Tree' poster? Draw a large tree and write your root words on the trunk. Draw branches for each prefix or suffix you have learnt today and write your new words on the leaves attached to those branches.