

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey loves to change words! Read the instructions for each question carefully and help Max complete his word puzzles.

Max the monkey is busy sorting his maths equipment. He uses prefixes and suffixes to describe his things. A prefix goes at the start of a word, and a suffix goes at the end.

Word bank: unhappy · disappear · misplace · kindly · careful · fearless

1. Max has lost his favourite banana. Add the prefix 'mis-' to the root word 'place' to explain what happened to his snack. (1 mark)

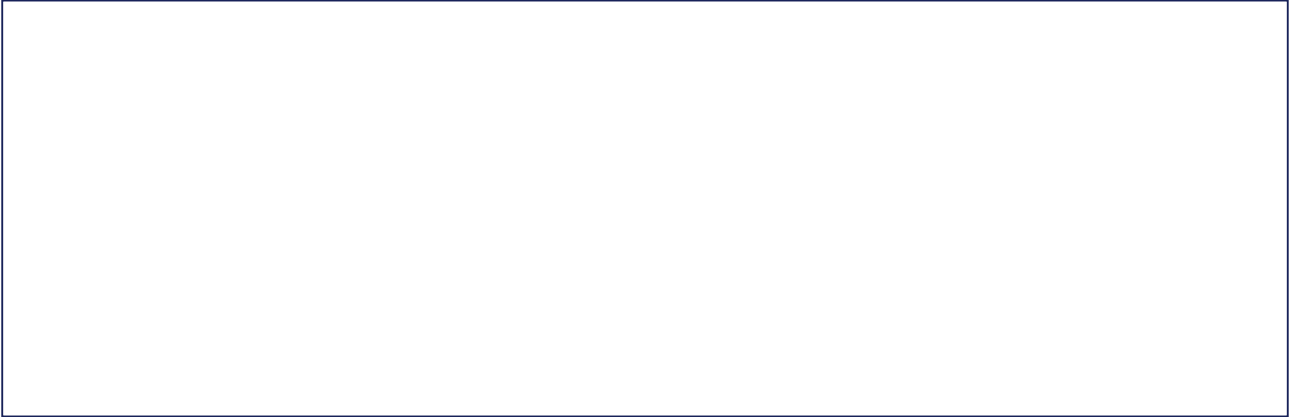
2. Max feels sad because he cannot find his banana. Change the word 'happy' by adding the prefix 'un-' to describe how he feels. (1 mark)

3. Max treats his friends very well. Change the adjective 'kind' into an adverb by adding the suffix '-ly'. Write a sentence using this new word. (2 marks)

4. Look at these two words: 'careful' and 'careless'. Explain how the suffix changes the meaning of the root word 'care'. (2 marks)

5. Max tries to perform a magic trick. Add the prefix 'dis-' to the word 'appear' to show what happens to his banana in the trick. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey holding a sign that says 'Helpful' in one hand and a sign that says 'Unhappy' in the other.



Extension challenge: Can you think of a new root word and add both a prefix and a suffix to it? For example: 'un-kind-ly'. Write your word below.