

Max the Monkey's Word-Building Adventure

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

Help Max the Monkey build his vocabulary! Use the prefixes and suffixes below to transform your root words. Remember that a prefix goes at the start and a suffix goes at the end. Use the writing frame to draft a short adventure story about Max finding a hidden treasure.

Max the Monkey swung through the trees, feeling very excited because he had found a mysterious, dusty map.

Word bank: unhappy · disappear · misbehave · careful · fearless · quickly · suddenly · afterwards · however · because

1. The Beginning: Describe where Max is and what he sees. Use a word ending in -ly to explain how he moves. Start with: Max climbed... (2 marks)

2. The Problem: Max encounters something tricky on his map. Use a word starting with 'mis-' or 'dis-' to describe what happens to his path. Start with: Suddenly, the path seemed to... (2 marks)

3. The Solution: Max decides to be brave. Use the word 'fearless' and a word ending in '-ful' to describe how he solves the problem. Start with: Being a fearless monkey, Max made a... (2 marks)

4. The Ending: Max finds the treasure. How does he feel? Use an 'un-' prefix word to describe his emotions. Start with: Max was not... (2 marks)

5. Vocabulary Check: Write three sentences using your own words from the word bank to describe the treasure Max found. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you add a sentence using the suffix -ness (e.g., happiness) to describe the feeling of finding the treasure?