

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To identify, define, and apply common prefixes and suffixes to root words to understand how they change meaning, in line with Year 6 National Curriculum requirements.

Read each flashcard carefully. The front of the card features a root word or a prefix/suffix challenge. Turn the card over (read the answer) to see how Max the Monkey and Pip the Caterpillar use these morphemes to build vocabulary.

What is a 'prefix'?

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.

What is a 'suffix'?

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning or word class.

What does the prefix 'mis-' mean in the word 'misunderstand'?

'Mis-' means 'wrongly' or 'badly'.

Add a suffix to the root word 'active' to turn it into a noun.

'Activation'.

What does the prefix 'sub-' mean in the word 'submarine'?

'Sub-' means 'under' or 'below'.

Change the root word 'glory' into an adjective using a suffix.

'Glorious'.

What is the root word in 'unhappiness'?

'Happy'. (Note: 'un-' is the prefix and '-ness' is the suffix).

Add the suffix '-ify' to the root word 'pure' to make a verb.

'Purify'.

What does the prefix 're-' mean in the word 'rearrange'?

'Re-' means 'again'.

Add a prefix to 'appear' to show that something has vanished.

'Disappear'.

What does the suffix '-able' mean in 'enjoyable'?

'-able' means 'capable of being' or 'fit for'.

Change the noun 'symbol' into a verb using a suffix.

'Symbolise'.