

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Max and Zara

Unlock the Secret Code of Words: Add, Transform, and Discover!

- A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning, such as 're-' meaning 'again' or 'pre-' meaning 'before'.
- A suffix is added to the end of a root word; for example, adding '-less' turns 'fear' into 'fearless', changing the meaning entirely.
- When you add a suffix like '-tion' or '-ment', you often change a verb into a noun, such as changing 'enjoy' into 'enjoyment'.
- Watch out for spelling patterns! When adding a suffix that starts with a vowel to a word ending in 'e', you usually drop the 'e' first (e.g., 'hope' becomes 'hoping').
- If a root word ends in a short vowel sound followed by a consonant, you often double the consonant before adding a suffix (e.g., 'run' becomes 'running').

Did you know? Did you know? The English language is like a giant construction kit! By using prefixes (like 'un-', 'mis-', or 'dis-') and suffixes (like '-ness', '-ful', or '-tion'), you can turn a single root word into dozens of different meanings. It is like maths with letters—Max loves solving these puzzles, and Zara loves the patterns they create!

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