

Max's Morphing Word Laboratory

Learning objective: To identify and use prefixes and suffixes to change the meaning of root words.

Max the monkey is investigating how adding prefixes (at the start) and suffixes (at the end) can transform root words. Use the word bank to help you complete the laboratory log below. Remember to check if your new words make sense in the sentence context.

Word bank: un- · dis- · re- · mis- · pre- · -ful · -less · -able · -ment · -tion

1. The Root Word Transformation: Choose three root words from your own vocabulary. Add a prefix to each to create a new word and write a sentence for each to show you understand the change in meaning. (3 marks)

2. Suffix Selection: Take the root word 'agree'. Add two different suffixes to create new words. Explain how the meaning of the word changes with each suffix. (2 marks)

3. The Misunderstanding: Max has written a sentence with a mistake: 'I was very careable when I walked across the bridge.' Identify the incorrect suffix and rewrite the sentence using the correct suffix from the word bank. (2 marks)

4. Pattern Spotting: Find a word in your reading book that contains a prefix and a word that contains a suffix. Write them down and identify the root word hidden inside each one. (2 marks)

5. Creative Challenge: Combine a prefix, a root word, and a suffix to create a 'Super-Word'. Write a definition for your new word as if it were in a dictionary. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you find a word that uses both a prefix AND a suffix at the same time? For example: 'un-help-ful'. Write three of your own 'triple-threat' words and use them in a short paragraph about one of your adventures.