

Building Better Sentences: Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes

Learning objective: To use prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words and enhance descriptive writing.

Use this writing frame to help Max the monkey solve his 'word puzzles'. Your goal is to write a short story about an adventure in the jungle, ensuring you transform base words using prefixes (like dis-, re-, mis-, sub-) and suffixes (like -able, -ful, -less, -tion).

Max the monkey swung through the thick canopy, his eyes wide with excitement as he spotted a mysterious, golden map hidden inside a hollow tree trunk.

Word bank: reappear · disobey · miscalculate · submerge · comfortable · thoughtful · fearless · connection · furthermore · consequently · nevertheless · in addition

1. The Discovery: Describe Max finding the map. Use at least one word starting with a prefix (e.g., 're-', 'un-', 'mis-') to explain how he felt or what he did. Start your paragraph with: 'Max felt remarkably... (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Max encounters a difficult obstacle. Use at least two words ending in a suffix (e.g., '-ful', '-less', '-tion') to describe the scene. Start your paragraph with: 'As he approached the river, he realised the situation was... (2 marks)

3. The Solution: How does Max solve the puzzle? Include one word with a prefix and one word with a suffix. Start your paragraph with: 'With a clever plan, he decided to... (2 marks)

4. Reflection: How does the story end? Use a connective word from the word bank to link your ideas. Start your paragraph with: 'Consequently, the jungle felt... (2 marks)

5. Challenge Task: Look back at your writing. Can you identify one root word you have changed? Explain how adding the prefix or suffix altered the meaning of that root word. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose three words from your story and create a 'word family' tree for each. For example, if you used 'connect', list related words like 'connection', 'disconnect', and 'reconnect'.