

Pip's Magical Spelling Garden

Learning objective: To practise spelling words with common prefixes and suffixes, and to apply them in context.

Help Pip the bookworm caterpillar tend to his garden! Read the passage below, then colour the flowers that contain correctly spelled words. Answer the questions to show how much you have learned about word building.

Pip the caterpillar loves to organise his word collection. He keeps his favourite words in pots. Sometimes, he uses prefixes like 'dis-' or 'un-' to change a word's meaning. When the sun shines, his collection seems to reappear in the light. Pip is very careful with his spelling, making sure every suffix like '-ful' or '-ment' is attached perfectly. He thinks it is wonderful to share his words with friends.

Word bank: disappear · reappear · unhappy · careful · wonderful · enjoyment · misbehave · thoughtful

1. Find two words in the passage that use a suffix. Explain what the suffix does to the root word. (2 marks)

2. Add the prefix 'dis-' to the word 'agree'. Write a sentence using your new word. (2 marks)

3. Why does Pip use the word 'careful' instead of 'carefulle'? Explain the spelling rule. (2 marks)

4. If Pip's collection was 'happy', how would adding the prefix 'un-' change the meaning? (2 marks)

5. Look at the word 'reappear'. What does the prefix 're-' tell us about the action? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a large, friendly caterpillar wearing glasses, sitting in a garden surrounded by flowers. Each flower petal should have a different word from the word bank written inside it for the student to colour.



Extension challenge: Can you think of three more words that end in '-ful'? Create a 'word garden' poster and write a short, funny poem using at least two of them.