Word Forms and Meanings

To understand how words are related in form and meaning.

Watch the Loom video for this lesson to learn about word forms, root words, prefixes and suffixes. When you have finished watching, you can complete the task outlined below.

<u>Task</u>:

Use a dictionary to investigate some of the following root words:

- kind
- fair
- clean
- run
- appear
- play
- write

Identify the form of the root word and make a mind map for it, writing down any related words you find in the dictionary or that you can think of. Underline the root word in one colour, prefixes in another and suffixes in a third. Identify how the affix has changed the form of the root word.

How do prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of a word?

<u>Challenge</u>: identify if the same affix always has the same impact on word form. For example, does adding the suffix *-ful* always change a root word into an adjective? Give examples to support your reasoning.