

Root Words and Word Endings

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Quick Review

A **ROOT WORD** is the main word before any endings are added. We can add endings like **-ed**, **-ing**, **-s**, **-ful**, or **-ness**. The word *jumped* has the root *jump* and the ending *-ed*.

PRACTICE

Find the root word or the new word for each item.

1. What is the **ROOT** word of *jumped*?
 - A. jump
 - B. ed
 - C. ju
 - D. ped
2. What is the **ROOT** word of *playing*?
 - A. ing
 - B. play
 - C. pla
 - D. ying
3. What is the **ROOT** word of *happiness*?
 - A. ness
 - B. happy
 - C. happi
 - D. hap
4. What is the **ROOT** word of *careful*?
 - A. ful
 - B. care
 - C. car
 - D. reful
5. Add the ending **-ed** to the root word *walk*. The new word is —
 - A. walking
 - B. walks
 - C. walked
 - D. walker



6. Add the ending **-s** to the root word *book*. The new word is —

- A. booked
- B. books
- C. booking
- D. bookful

7. What is the root word of *helpful*? _____

Answer: _____

8. Add the ending **-ing** to the root word *sing*: _____

Answer: _____

9. The root word of *raining* is *rain*.

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10. Pick a root word. Add an ending to make a new word. Write both words.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7
- 8
- 9 T F
- 10

Explanations

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| 1. A | Jump is the root word. The ending -ed was added. |
| 2. B | Play is the root word. The ending -ing was added. |
| 3. B | Happy is the root word. The ending -ness was added. |
| 4. B | Care is the root word. The ending -ful was added. |
| 5. C | Walk + -ed = walked. This shows it already happened. |
| 6. B | Book + -s = books. The ending -s means more than one. |
| 7. help | Help is the root word. The ending -ful was added. |
| 8. singing | Sing + -ing = singing. |
| 9. T | Rain is the root word. The ending -ing was added. |
| 10. | Answer: Example: Root word: kind. New word: kindness. Accept any root word and a correct new word with an ending. |



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