

# 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.

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## 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

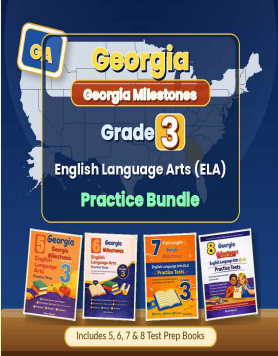
### Explanations

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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.        | <b>Answer:</b> Example: Root word: kind. New word: kindness.<br>Accept any root word and a correct new word with an ending. |



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