

# Root Words

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## Quick Review

A **ROOT** word is the main part of a word that carries its meaning. If you know the root, you can guess the meaning of related words. For example, the root *act* appears in act, action, actor, react.

## PRACTICE

Find or use the **ROOT** word for each item.

1. What is the **ROOT** of *unhappy*?
  - A. un
  - B. happy
  - C. py
  - D. ness
2. What is the **ROOT** of *jumping*?
  - A. ing
  - B. jump
  - C. ju
  - D. ping
3. Which of these words shares the **SAME** root with *actor*?
  - A. acre
  - B. action
  - C. anger
  - D. asking
4. Which root means “write”?
  - A. sign
  - B. audi
  - C. scrib / script
  - D. tract



5. Which word shares the root with *visible*?
  - A. visit
  - B. vision
  - C. visor
  - D. all of the above relate to seeing
6. What is the root of *biking*?
  - A. ing
  - B. bike
  - C. bi
  - D. biki
7. Which of these is the same ROOT as in *player*?
  - A. play
  - B. er
  - C. lay
  - D. ayer
8. Read: *The doctor wrote a prescription.* The word **prescription** shares a root with —
  - A. scribble (to write)
  - B. scream
  - C. school
  - D. screen
9. Write TWO words that share the root *play*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which word does NOT share a root with the others?
  - A. unhelpful
  - B. helper
  - C. helpless
  - D. happen



## 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  A  B  C  D
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9
- 10  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

1. B	Happy is the root (the main meaning); un- is a prefix.
2. B	Jump is the root; -ing is a suffix.
3. B	Actor and action share the root <i>act</i> .
4. C	Scribe/script is the Latin root for write — as in scribble, scripture, prescription.
5. D	All of those words use the root <i>vis-/vid-</i> , meaning to see.
6. B	Bike is the root; -ing is the suffix.
7. A	Play is the root; -er is the suffix.
8. A	Both use the root <i>scrib/script</i> = write.
9.	<b>Answer:</b> Examples: player, playing, played, playful, replay, playmate. Any two play-family words.
10. D	Unhelpful, helper, and helpless all share the root <i>help</i> . Happen has a different root and is unrelated.



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