

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.	Answer: 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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