

Phonics Review: Root Words

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Understanding Root Words and Word Families

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Answer the questions about root words and how they change with prefixes and suffixes.

1. A ___ word is the main part of a word.

2. Adding prefixes changes a word's meaning.

True False

3. What does the root word 'help' become with the suffix '-er'?

- A. Hepler
- B. Helper
- C. Helped

4. The word 'happy' becomes 'unhappy' when we add the prefix ___.

5. Match the root word with its changed form.

Help

Helpful

Play

Played

6. Root words do not help us understand other words.

True False

7. What is the root word in 'happiness'?

- A. Happy
- B. Happily
- C. Happiness

8. When we add '-ed' to 'play', it becomes '___'.

9. How does adding a suffix change a word?

10. Proverbs 22:6 teaches us to train children in learning.

True False

Answer Key

1. root 2. True 3. Helper 4. un 5. 0 6. False 7. Happy 8. played 9. It can change the meaning or make it a different kind of word. 10. True