

## ROOT WORDS

### What are Root Words?

When the **ending**, or **inflection**, is taken away from a word, the word that remains is called the **root word** or **base word**.

### Examples

Inflections are added to base words to:

- Change the root words from singular to plural  
Root: bed      beds
- Change the tense of a word from present tense to past tense  
Root: play      played
- Change a word from a verb to a noun  
Root: act      actor
- Compare

Root: s



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### Try This!

Choose the correct root word.

1] The root word of actor is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a] acting
- b] art
- c] act
- d] actress

2] The root word of cooks is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a] cook
- b] cookie
- c] uncooked
- d] cooking

3] The root word of happiest is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a] happiness
- b] happy
- c] hop
- d] happier