

## **ROOT WORDS**

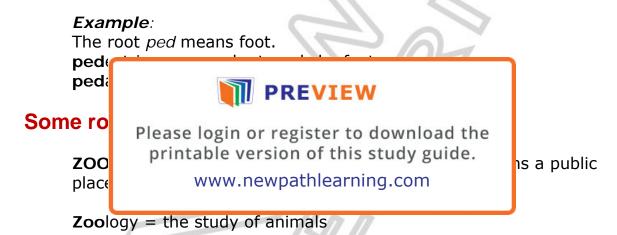
## What are Root Words?

A root is the foundation on which the meaning of the word is built.

A **ROOT** is the basic element of a word.

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The root of the word rewrite is write. 
re = again
rewrite = to write again
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Finding the **root** of a word can help you figure out the meaning of the word.



## Some roots need to be combined with other word elements in order to form a word.

Hydr- is a root that means water.

Hydr- is not a word by itself.

When added to -oplane, it forms the word hydroplane.

Hydroplane means a plane that can land and glide on WATER.

## A word can contain more than one root.

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The word <u>manuscript</u> has two roots.
man = hand
script = to write
manuscript = to write by hand
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