



Root words

Root words are the main parts of words, which can be used to make lots of other words.

1. Sort the words below into the table according to their root words.

unhappy shipped happiness unfit
refit shipment fittest happier shipping

| Root word 'happy' | Root word 'ship' | Root word 'fit' |
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| unhappy | | |
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2. Rearrange these jumbled words, and then circle the root word in each one.

ing en deep → deepening

ed block un →

un take able mis →

dis ed re cover →

3. Work out the answers to these clues. All of the words have the root word **press**.

To make a mark on someone. _ m _ _ _ s _

The look on someone's face. e _ _ _ _ i _ _

To keep something back or hold it in. r _ _ _ _ s

To condense something down. _ o m _ _ _ _



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4. Use the root words in the box to make words to complete the sentences.

grace invite nerve essence rob

Sunetra sent out party *invitations* to thirty of her friends.

The police said the _____ happened at two in the morning.

Robert was feeling very _____ before the match.

The ballerina danced _____ across the floor.

There's not much room in the car, so we're only packing the _____.

5. Write a word containing each of these root words.

help _____ load _____

back _____ argue _____

tune _____ logic _____

6. Think of two different words with the root word **do**, and use each in a sentence.

First word → _____

Sentence: _____

Second word → _____

Sentence: _____

How good are you at going back to your roots?
Tick a box to show how well you did on these pages.

