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Base Word Families

Focus

A **base word** is a word that can stand alone when all affixes are removed. When you add prefixes, suffixes, inflectional endings, or even other words to a base word, you create a **base word family**. Here are base word families for the words *love* and *sleep*:

love, loved, loving, lovely, lovingly, lovable, lover, loveless, lovelorn

sleep, sleepy, sleepily, sleeper, sleeping, sleepless, sleepwear

Practice

The following groups of words are all in the same base word family. Identify the base word.

1. perfection, perfected, perfectly, imperfect

Base word: _____

2. reading, readable, reread, reader

Base word: _____

3. issued, issuing, issueless, issuer

Base word: _____

4. homestead, homecoming, homeroom, homey

Base word: _____

5. agreeing, disagree, agreement, agreed

Base word: _____

6. antacid, acidic, acidify, acidly

Base word: _____