

Answer Key**Dig into the Dictionary 2**

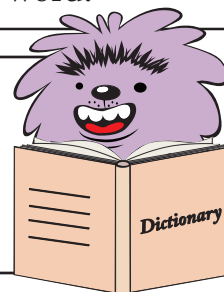
A base word is the word before a prefix or suffix is added. When you add a prefix or suffix to the base word, it changes the meaning of the word. BUT, you might not find that word in a dictionary.



You need to look up the base word to find out information about the word.

Example:

- You want to look up the word *laughing*.
- Take off the suffix *-ing* and you are left with the base word.
- Look up the word *laugh*.



Directions: Determine the base word by removing the inflected ending.

-ed

1. fixed → fix

2. smiled → smile

3. rolled → roll

4. kicked → kick

5. looked → look

-s or -es

1. studies → study

2. washes → wash

3. sleeps → sleep

4. talks → talk

5. classes → class

-ing

1. shining → shine

2. cleaning → clean

3. playing → play

4. falling → fall

5. joking → joke

Let's dig in!

Choose one base word from each inflected ending section and use a dictionary to find the definition. **Student answers will vary**

1. _____ - _____

2. _____ - _____

3. _____ - _____