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Answer Key

Dig into the Dictionary 3

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.



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

Dictionary

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: Complete the chart below with information about the words. An example has been done for you.

Original Word	Inflected Ending	Base Word	Definition
strawberries	-es	strawberry	a soft, juicy red fruit that grows on a low plant with white flowers
1. builds	-s	build	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
2. buried	-ed	bury	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
3. digging	-ing	dig	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
4. hurries	-es	hurry	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
5. stared	-ed	stare	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
6. seeking	-ing	seek	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
7. machines	-s	machine	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
8. hopped	-ed	hop	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
9. moving	-ing	move	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used
10. stacked	-ed	stack	Student answers may vary based on dictionary used