

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 → _____
2. smiled → _____
3. rolled → _____
4. kicked → _____
5. looked → _____

-s or -es

1. studies → _____
2. washes → _____
3. sleeps → _____
4. talks → _____
5. classes → _____

-ing

1. shining → _____
2. cleaning → _____
3. playing → _____
4. falling → _____
5. joking → _____

Let's dig in!

Choose one base word from each inflected ending section and use a dictionary to find the definition.

1. _____ - _____

2. _____ - _____

3. _____ - _____
