

# Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes

1. Underline the root word in the following words.

countless      wetness  
breathless      smoothly  
learning      unanswered  
builder      purposeful

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4. Caesar says,



I can add the -ment suffix to all the words below.

engage

busy

replace

punish

statement

end

Which words do not work and why?

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2. Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

worker

describing

unpack

sweetly

lifeless

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5. Find all the possible combinations of prefixes and suffixes with the root words 'assign' and 'quiet'.

un

-ly

-est

-ness

-ment

-er

A

3. Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct word.

increasing

unwell

happiness

A. Due to the high intensity workout, Melanie's heartbeat was \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Namrah found at her place of worship was indescribable.

C. After standing in the rain for an hour, Maxwell felt \_\_\_\_\_ when we got home.

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6. Which word is the odd one out?

fresh

strange

close

wonder

Explain your answer.

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1. count; wet; breath; smooth; learn; answer; build; purpose
2. -er; -ing; un-; -ly; -less
3. A. increasing; B. happiness; C. unwell
4. 'busy' and 'end' do not work because when the '-ment' suffix is added, they don't make real words. 'Statement' already has the '-ment' suffix, so doesn't need it adding again.
5. assign: un-, -ment; quiet: un-, -ly, -er, -est, -ness
6. Various answers, for example: 'wonder' is the odd one out because it cannot have the -ness suffix added to it like the rest of the words.