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Root Words and Suffixes

The main part of a word is called the **root**. We can add parts to the end of **root words** to change their meaning. This new part is called the **suffix**.

Examples:

root word + suffix = new word

dog + s = dogs -s shows plural

mix + ed = mixed -ed shows past tense

eat + ing = eating -ing shows something is happening

Directions: Sort the words from the word bank based on their suffixes.

cups	started	suggested	eating	rushed
hiding	selling	materials	scientists	

-s	-ed	-ing
1.	4.	7.
2.	5.	8.
3.	6.	9.

Read each question below and write your response on the line.

10. Look at the word *fishing*. What is the root word in *fishing*? _____

11. Which root word do *mixed* and *mixing* have in common? _____

12. What word is formed when the suffix -s is added to the root word *dollar*? _____