

ROOT WORDS

A **root** is the basic element of a word. It is the foundation on which the meaning of the word is built.

Prefixes and suffixes are added to root words to form new words.

Example:

The root of the word biography is *bio*.

bio = root word that means life

biography = a story of a person's LIFE

What does the



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While some roots can be words by themselves, others need to be combined with other word elements in order to form a word.

Example:

Dict is a root word that needs other word elements to make it a word.

dict – is a root that means to speak

diction – is a word that refers to the manner of how words are used when SPEAKING

A word can also contain **MORE** than one root.

The word carnivore contains TWO roots.

carnivore

carn – a root word that means meat

vor – a root word that means to eat

carnivore – one who EATS MEAT

A lion is a **carnivore**.

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