

# VERB ROOT

The verb root, in linguistics, is referred to the core or base of a verb that carries the main lexical meaning. It is that part of the verb to which all the prefixes, suffixes and inflexions are added to form the various tenses, persons and moods in English grammar. Hence, the verb root can be understood as the main foundation upon which various verb forms are constructed.

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**Q1: Which of the following is an example of a verb root?**

- A: Eat
  - B: Sleepless
  - C: Talkative
  - D: Swimming
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**Q2: What is the verb root in the word 'cheerfully'?**

- A: Fully
  - B: Cheered
  - C: Cheer
  - D: Cheerful
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**Q3: What is the verb root in the word 'talkative'?**

- A: Talking
  - B: Ative
  - C: Talk
  - D: Talked
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**Q4: Identify the root verb**

- A: To eat
  - B: Sleep
  - C: Will be going
  - D: Wrote
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**Q5: What is not a characteristic of verb root?**

- A: It is the core element of a verb
  - B: Affixes are added to it to form new verb forms
  - C: It represents the essential meaning of a verb
  - D: It changes with person, tense and mood
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**Q6: What happens when you remove prefixes and suffixes from a verb?**

- A: It becomes a noun
  - B: Its verb root is revealed
  - C: It becomes an adjective
  - D: It turns into past tense
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**Q7: What is a verb root?**

- A: A core element of a verb that carries its essential meaning
  - B: The simplest form of the verb
  - C: Past tense of the verb
  - D: The continuous form of the verb
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**Q8: Which of the following is an example of a verb root family?**

- A: Jog, stroll, hop
  - B: Arise, sit, recline
  - C: Slay, slayer, slayed
  - D: Singing, sang, sings
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**Q9: Identify the verb root in 'outshined':**

- A: Shines
  - B: Out
  - C: Ed
  - D: Shine
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**Q10: What do affixes do to verb root?**

- A: Change its meaning
  - B: Form new verb forms based on it
  - C: Change it to past tense
  - D: Change it to the adjective
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## Answers

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**Q1:** A - Eat

**Q2:** C - Cheer

**Q3:** C - Talk

**Q4:** B - Sleep

**Q5:** D - It changes with person, tense and mood

**Q6:** B - Its verb root is revealed

**Q7:** A - A core element of a verb that carries its essential meaning

**Q8:** A - Jog, stroll, hop

**Q9:** D - Shine

**Q10:** B - Form new verb forms based on it