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Word Study

Base Words and Endings

A base word is the simplest form of a word. You can form new words by adding the endings *-ed*, *-ing*, *-er*, and *-est* to base words.

The spelling of some base words changes when you add an ending. For example, you may have to drop the final e of base words that end in -e.

When you add an ending to a base word, the meaning of the word changes too.

- The ending *-ed* added to a verb means the action happened in the past.
- The ending *-ing* added to a verb means the action is happening now.
- The endings *-er* and *-est* can be added to compare two or more things.

My TURN For the following words, write the base word and the ending on the line. Then write how the ending changes the word's meaning.

Example: walked base word: walk ending: -ing

how meaning changes: *-ed* makes *walk* past tense.

1. writing base word: _____ ending: _____

how meaning changes: _____

2. faster base word: _____ ending: _____

how meaning changes: _____

For the following words, add *-ed*, *-ing*, *-er*, or *-est* to the base words.

3. happy _____

4. push _____

High-Frequency Words

High-frequency words are words you see often in a text.

TURN and TALK With a partner, read aloud these high-frequency words. Use each in a sentence: *notice*, *slowly*.



TEKS 3.2.A Demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by **TEKS 3.2.A.vii** identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list.

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