

Base-Word Families

Without prefixes or suffixes, the number of words you could write would be greatly limited. As you learn more about endings, prefixes, and suffixes, you can begin to spell new words by adding to base words you know.

HINTS	EXAMPLES
You can add a variety of prefixes, suffixes, or endings to the same base word to make many related word forms in the same word family.	understand <u>mis</u> understand under <u>stand</u> understand <u>able</u>
Remember to follow the rules for base-word spelling changes when adding suffixes.	dictate + ion = dictation happy + ness = happiness

Sort Words



Family
Strategy

Sort each word below by its base word.

realization

exclaim

critical

criticize

reality

real

critic

claim

1. _____ realization 3. _____ 5. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Count 2 points for each
correctly sorted word.

_____ My Score

10 Top Score

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