

### TEACHER INFORMATION

The **base word** is the main part of the word; e.g. **independent**.

Prefixes and suffixes are added to a base word to change its meaning.

These new words are called **derivatives**.

#### Answers

1. (a) guess (b) recent (c) argue  
(d) honest (e) scribe (f) scene  
(g) mean (h) predict (i) differ
2. (a) I will continue. I **continued**. I am **continuing**. It was **discontinued**. They are **discontinuing** it.  
(b) I had an experience. I had many **experiences**. I **experienced** it. I am **experiencing** it. She is **inexperienced**.  
(c) I will predict the weather. She **predicts** it. I am **predicting** it. I **predicted** it. It's very **predictable**. That was **unpredictable**.  
(d) I wrote a question. There were two **questions**. I **questioned** her. She is **questioning** me. It's very **questionable**.
3. Answers may include:  
(a) govern—governs, governed, governing, government, governments  
(b) value—values, valued, valuing, valuable, invaluable, valuables, devalues  
(c) condition—conditions, conditioned, conditioning, conditionally, unconditioned, unconditional  
(d) judge—judged, judges, judging, misjudge, judgement, judgements, misjudgment, misjudgments  
(e) image—images, imaging, imagination(s), imagine, imagined, imaginary, imaginative, imagery
4. (a) Both of my **parents** attended the teacher conference on Wednesday night.  
(b) My **grandparents** are retired now and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.  
(c) It's your **parental** responsibility to ensure your children are at home after dark.
5. (a) After the survey was complete, we **graphed** the results to show the information clearly.  
(b) They took digital **photographs** of the class excursion and created a photo board to display.  
(c) I enjoy learning **geography** because I'm interested in distant places.
6. (a) Her business is based on **developing** fashionable, practical sleepwear for teenagers.  
(b) The new **development** will go ahead and the apartments will be available next year.  
(c) The tiny baby's lungs were **underdeveloped** because he was born premature.
7. Sentences will vary.

# Base words

A *base word* is the main part of a word. Other words can be made from a base word by adding prefixes and suffixes. These new words are called *derivatives*.

## 1. Write each base word.

- (a) guessed \_\_\_\_\_ (b) recently \_\_\_\_\_ (c) argument \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) honestly \_\_\_\_\_ (e) describe \_\_\_\_\_ (f) scenic \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) meaning \_\_\_\_\_ (h) prediction \_\_\_\_\_ (i) difference \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Write the base word to complete these.

- (a) I will continue. I \_\_\_\_\_ ed. I am \_\_\_\_\_ ing. It was dis \_\_\_\_\_ ed. They are dis \_\_\_\_\_ ing it.  
 (b) I had an experience. I had many \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ ed it. I am \_\_\_\_\_ ing it. She is in \_\_\_\_\_ ed.  
 (c) I will predict the weather. She \_\_\_\_\_ s it. I am \_\_\_\_\_ ing it. I \_\_\_\_\_ ed it. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ able. That was un \_\_\_\_\_ able.  
 (d) I wrote a question. There were two \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ ed her. She is \_\_\_\_\_ ing me. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ able.

## 3. Write five new words (derivatives) for each base word.

- (a) govern \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) value \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) condition \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) judge \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) image \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Add to the base word *parent* to complete each sentence.

- (a) Both of my \_\_\_\_\_ attended the teacher conference on Wednesday night.  
 (b) My \_\_\_\_\_ are retired now and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.  
 (c) It's your \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to ensure your children are at home after dark.

## 5. Add to the base word *graph* to complete each sentence.

- (a) After the survey was complete, we \_\_\_\_\_ the results to show the information clearly.  
 (b) They took digital \_\_\_\_\_ of the class excursion and created a photo board to display.  
 (c) I enjoy learning \_\_\_\_\_ because I'm interested in distant places.

## 6. Add to the base word *develop* to complete each sentence.

- (a) Her business is based on \_\_\_\_\_ fashionable, practical sleepwear for teenagers.  
 (b) The new \_\_\_\_\_ will go ahead and the apartments will be available next year.  
 (c) The tiny baby's lungs were \_\_\_\_\_ because he was born premature.

## 7. Write two sentences using words made by adding to the base word *popular*.

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