

Root Word Riddles

Riddles give clues that lead the reader to determine the answer. Each of these riddles has one of the root words we've already studied as the answer (List 1, 2, 3, or 4). Read the riddles and write what you think the root word answer is.

I am the bridge that connects both sides.

I am the railroad that travels across the nation.

I speak two languages, crossing words back and forth.

What root word am I?

When your team is good you might make it to this level of playoffs.

If you're having a bad day, is the glass half-empty of half-full?

When you order pizza and have to share it with your brother.

What root word am I?

I am smaller than a crumb.

I can't be seen by the naked eye.

People call me names like teeny, tiny, and wee.

If you have a special instrument, you might spy me.

What root word am I?

I am the speech the President made.

I am there when you talk to your friends in the hallway.

I am the presentation you made in Reading class.

What root word am I?

I come from fear and anger.

I am what keeps the pests out of your home.

I am what some people think about when they are very depressed.

What root word am I?

I am full of water and life.

Seven billion people call me home.

I dance around the sun.

I may be in grave danger of overheating.

What root word am I?

I am the sleep that never ends.

I am the dark hooded figure carrying a scythe.

I am the end of your adventure here on Earth.

What root word am I?

I am the villain in your favorite movie.

I am the hippie protesting a war.

I am the toddler who fights everything.

I am the quiet kid in your class.

What root word am I?

I am a man all alone, without a companion.

I am the last leaf still clinging to the tree before winter.

I am a lonely shoe without a partner, limping through the world.

What root word am I?

I am the feeling you get when you hear harmonious music.

I am the way you talk about the ones you love.

I am what you feel when everything is going great.

What root word am I?

Now you try one! Choose any of the root words we've studied so far (Lists 1, 2, 3, or 4). Think of some clues that might help people guess which root word you are.

Root Word: _____

Clue # 1: I am _____.

Clue # 2: I am _____.

Clue #3: I am _____.

What root word am I? _____