

A structured approach to word building

interrupt

Root: **rupt** (from the Latin *rumpere* meaning to break apart)

Here are some words which have **rupt** as the root. Using your knowledge of prefixes and suffixes, can you think of any more examples?

Remember that the spelling of the root **will not change**.

The word cloud contains the following words:

- interrupt
- erupt
- disrupt
- corrupt
- erupts
- erupted
- eruption
- eruptive
- corruptible
- incorruptible
- corrupts
- corrupting
- corrupted
- corruptly
- disruptiveness
- disruptive
- disrupted
- disrupts
- undisrupted
- interrupts
- interruptible
- uninterrupted
- interrupted
- interruption

helicopter

helico

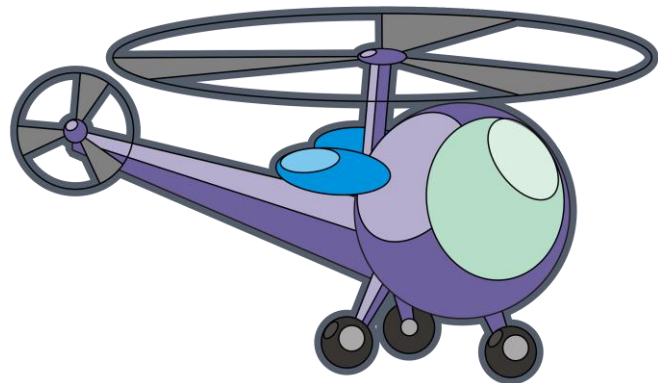
pter

Greek in origin

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helix meaning
spiral

pteron meaning
wing



via the French

hélicoptère

19th century

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| resign | re-sign |
| recover | re-cover |



The footballer resigned from the club.

The footballer re-signed for the club.

The sofa needs to be recovered.

The sofa needs to be re-covered.



**Explain the difference in the meaning
of these pairs of sentences.**

Word building

un

happy

to feel or show
pleasure

ly
ness
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Word building

in

vis
sight,
seeing

ible
or
ion
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ly
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ation
or

Word building

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| re | act take action; do something | ed ing or s | ist ation s ly |
| | | ion ive | |
| | | ual | |

Word building

re

crea

bring forth,
produce

ate

ed
ing
or
s
ion
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s
ly
ity

Some words can take multiple suffixes.

Word building

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|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| con | tract drag, pull | ed |
| dis | | ing |
| ex | | or |
| re | | s |
| pro | | ion |
| sub | | ual |

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