

Name: _____

Base words

Haitian
American Korean



All words are built from a base. The base gives the core meaning of the word. Many words include a base with other word parts added on. The words below all have the base word **act**:

actor

react

action

active

In the words below, circle the base: **America**

Americas

un-American

Meso-America

Americanize

In the words **Haitian**, **American**, and **Korean**, the ending **-an** means “from.” The base word, like **Haiti**, names the country. In the words **Japanese** and **Sudanese**, the ending **-ese** means “from.”

Look at the bold words below. The bold words include a base word. Use the meaning of the base word to fill in the country name. Write the country name in the blanks below. The first one is done for you.

1. People who visit San Francisco often stop to see the **Chinese** temples. The temples were built by immigrants from China.
2. In sandwich shops in many East Coast cities, you can buy **Jamaican** beef patties. Beef patties come from the island nation of _____.
3. Anywhere in the U.S. where **Brazilians** live, you can find great pick-up soccer games. The soccer players come from _____.
4. **Mexican** immigrants have moved all over the U.S., to small towns and large cities like Chicago and Los Angeles. These new Americans come from _____.
5. **Vietnamese** iced coffee adds ice cubes and cold sweet milk to dark coffee. Served all over the U.S., this popular drink comes from _____.

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