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Polyptoton means repeating a root word in different ways in close proximity. It is a form of repetition, and as such, contributes to the rhythmic feel of a sentence. For example:

It's my turn to watch the watchman.

The word polyptoton comes from the Greek phrase *polyptōton*, which means "many cases."

DIRECTIONS: Identify the root word used in each example of polyptoton and write it on the line.

1. The hurried woman hurries through everything, and is always yelling, "Hurry!"

Root word: _____

2. Sometimes life feels meaningless. I mean, I am struggling to find meaning in it.

Root word: _____

3. The darkness permeated everything, leaving even the mice and bats and owls in small, dark moods.

Root word: _____

4. Only chosen people ever really have a choice and get to choose.

Root word: _____