A benzylic radical is a resonance-stabilized radical in each of the two equally stable major resonance forms of which the unpaired electron is on a benzylic carbon.

eg:

![Diagram of benzylic radicals]

The lightest benzylic radical 1 is called the benzyl radical.

![Diagram of benzyl radical]

see also primary benzylic radical, secondary benzylic radical, tertiary benzylic radical

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