

Build Word Families

How to use: Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Define what a word family is and explain how words in a family are related
- 2 Identify the root word shared by members of the same word family
- 3 Match a root word to a related word-family member

MINI LESSON

A word family is a group of words that all share the same root word. They look similar and are related in meaning. Knowing one word in a family helps you understand all the others in that group.

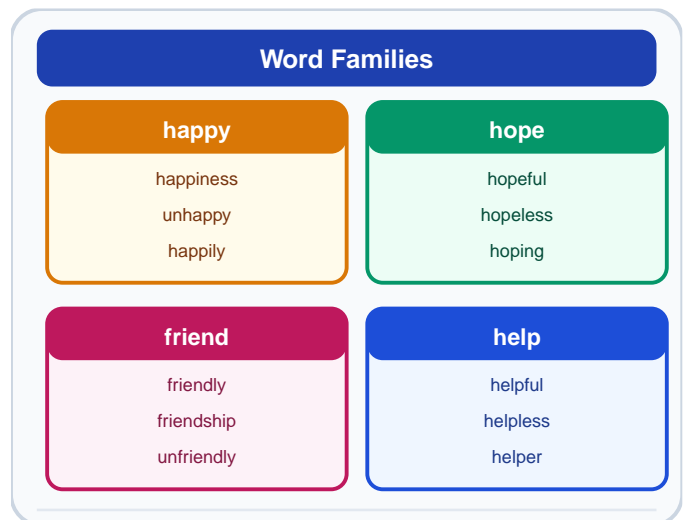
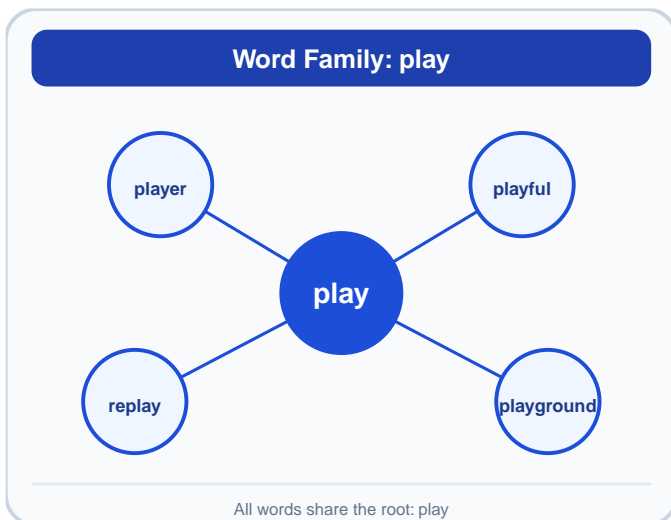
Word Family Examples

- Root: play ' player, playground, playful, playmate, replay
- Root: happy ' unhappy, happiness, happily, happier
- Root: hope ' hopeful, hopeless, hopefully, hoping
- Root: friend ' friendly, friendship, friendless, unfriendly

How Word Families Help You Read

- If you know "help", you can work out "helpful", "helpless", and "helper".
- Spotting the root in an unfamiliar word gives you a clue to its meaning.
- Word families show how a single idea (the root) can be expressed in many ways.

! When you learn a new root word, challenge yourself to think of at least three words in its family.



EXERCISES — MATCH THE PAIRS

Draw a line from the root word to a member of its word family.

1. play	A. hopeful
2. happy	B. friendship
3. friend	C. happiness
4. hope	D. playground
5. kind	E. helpless
6. care	F. teacher
7. teach	G. careful
8. help	H. kindness

Write the matching letter next to each number (e.g. 1-B, 2-A, 3-C...).

1 — ____ 2 — ____ 3 — ____ 4 — ____ 5 — ____ 6 — ____ 7 — ____ 8 — ____

EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

<p>What is a word family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> A list of words that rhyme with each other<input type="radio"/> A group of words that share the same root and are related in meaning<input type="radio"/> A group of words that all start with the same letter	<p>Which word belongs to the same family as "play"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> clay<input type="radio"/> player<input type="radio"/> place
<p>What is the root word in "friendship"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> friend<input type="radio"/> ship<input type="radio"/> end	<p>Which word is in the same family as "hope"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> rope<input type="radio"/> hopeful<input type="radio"/> help
<p>How does knowing one word in a family help you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> You can read faster without understanding the words<input type="radio"/> You can work out the meaning of related words in the same family<input type="radio"/> You do not need to learn any more words ever again	<p>Which pair of words are in the same word family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> kind / king<input type="radio"/> happy / happen<input type="radio"/> care / careful
<p>What is the root word in "unhappy"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> un<input type="radio"/> unhappy<input type="radio"/> happy	<p>Which word belongs to the "teach" family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> reach<input type="radio"/> teacher<input type="radio"/> peach

Word families are useful because they:

- Make sentences longer and more complicated
- Help readers spot root meanings in unfamiliar words
- Replace the need to use a dictionary at all

Which word is NOT in the "help" family?

- helpful
- helpless
- helper

ASSESSMENT

PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST

- Correctly matches all 8 root words to a related word-family member.
- Explains what a word family is and identifies the shared root in at least three examples.
- Names at least two other members for one of the word families studied.