

Y3 Word Families

KS2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Find three words in the 'play' family

Step 1 · Keep the root word play
play

Step 2 · Add prefixes, suffixes or another word
player, playful, replay, playground

Answer: player, playful, replay (and playground)

Check: Every word has 'play' in it and is linked to playing.

2. Now try one with the steps

Spell 'signature' using its word family

Step 1 · What is the root word?

Step 2 · Keep the root's spelling, including the silent g

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is the root word in 'helpful'?

2. What is the root word in 'unkindness'?

3. Which word is NOT in the 'child' family: children, chilly, childhood?

4. Write two words in the 'teach' family.

5. Which comes first in a dictionary: dog or cat?

6. Put in dictionary order: lamp, kite, moon

7. Put in dictionary order: bus, bat, bed

8. Put in dictionary order: strap, stamp, stick

9. Which word is in the same family as 'sign': signal, sing, sigh?

10. Add a suffix to 'act' to name the person who acts in a play.

11. Put in dictionary order: three, throw, thread

12. In a dictionary, would 'parrot' come before or after 'parcel'?

13. Name two things a dictionary tells you about a word.

14. Write four words in the 'friend' family.

4. Before you hand it in

Putting 'chilly' in the 'child' family.

Ask: is this word linked in meaning to the root? chilly is about cold, so it is not.

Sorting words only by the first letter (bus, bat, bed).

Compare the second letter, then the third, until they are different.

Giving up when you cannot find a word in the dictionary.

Try another spelling of the first sound (c or k, ph or f) and use the guide words at the top of each page.