

Root Words

What are they?

A root word is a real word and you make new words from it by adding prefixes and suffixes.

Prefixes are stuck to the front of the word.

Suffixes are stuck at the end of the word.

There are no spaces.

Can you think of some prefixes and suffixes?

Top tip:

Think about our spellings from last week and this week.

prefixes

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sub
super
pre
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suffixes

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fully
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ing
er
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How many more did you think of?

Root words can be used to make word families.

They're a bit like your family – they have things in common.



What Do We Have In Common?

Look at all of the words in this family.

What do they have in common? What should the family name be?

writer

written

writing

rewrite



underwrite

writes

The ____ Family

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The Write Family

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helper

helped

helpful

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unhelpful



helping

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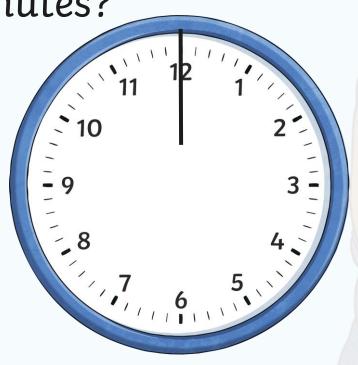


helping

The Help Family

The Struct Family

Let's explore the root 'struct'. Working with a partner, how many words containing 'struct' can you think of in the next two minutes?



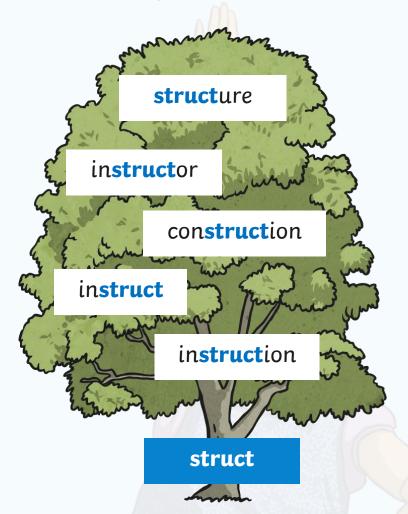


Start

The Struct Family

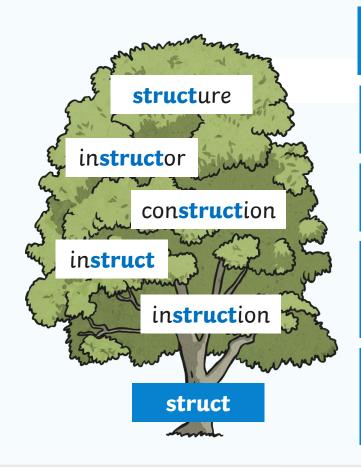
Did you think of any different words?

What sort of meaning do all of these words have in common?



The Struct Family

Lots of different words that we use every day come from the root 'struct', such as...



A building or other object put together of several different parts.

A person who teaches or demonstrates something.

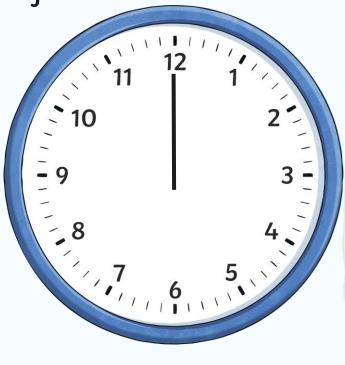
The act of building something, often a large structure.

To tell or order somebody to do something (often how to make something) in a particular order

The words which tell or order somebody to do something (often how to make something) in a particular order.

The Spect Family

This time, explore the root 'spect' with a partner. How many words containing 'spect' can you think of in the next two minutes?



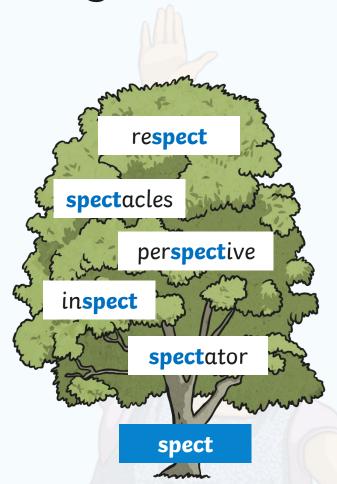
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The Spect Family

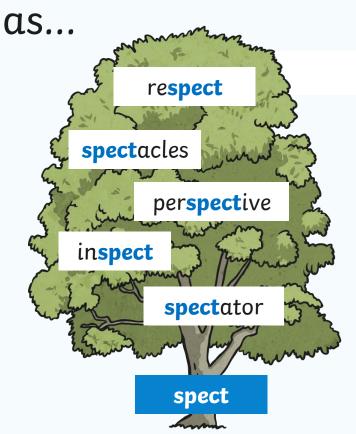
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The Spect Family

Again, lots of different words that we use every day come from the root 'spect', such



A feeling of admiration for someone because of abilities or qualities that you have seen.

Glasses used for seeing.

A particular point of view about something.

To closely examine something.

A person who watches a show, game or other event.

Jumbled Up

Look at all of the words below. How many different word families are mixed up here? What root words do they belong to?

venture	unison	uncover	ventilate
reunion	unique	rediscover	coverage
adventure	graph	covering	autograph
united	event	graphic	community
	convention	biography	

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Jumbled Up answers

Look at all of the words below. How many different word families are mixed up here? What root words do they belong to?

The 'vent' family

The 'cover' family

The 'uni' family The 'graph' family

adventure

covering

united

graphic

event

coverage

community

autograph

convention

rediscover

unique

graph

venture

uncover

reunion

biography

ventilate

unison

Using what you know about prefixes, suffixes and root words, build word families for the following words: help, care, use, friend, cover, act, sign, place

You could make it look like the trees on the next slide or use your own ideas on how to present your work.

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care

