

Word Families

Warm-up



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?

helper

helped

helpful

helpless

unhelpful

helping



The **Help** Family

What Do We Have In Common?

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What should the family name be?

writer

written

writing

underwrite

rewrite

writes



The **Write** Family

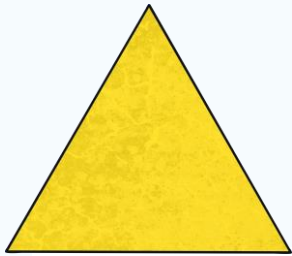


What are Word Families?

Word families are groups of words that link together through their **meaning**, **grammar** or **morphology** (roots, prefixes and suffixes).

These words...

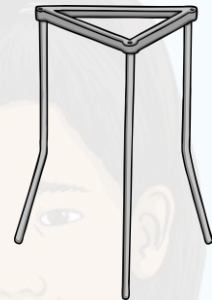
triangle



tricycle



tripod

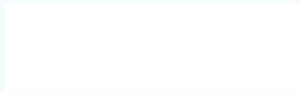
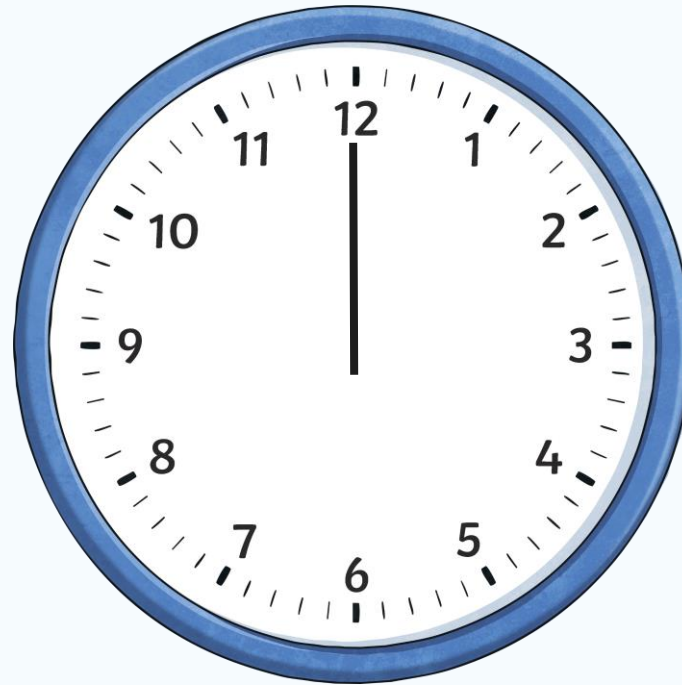


...all come from the prefix 'tri', which means 'three' in the ancient language of Latin.

Can you see why these words might need a 'three' in them?

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?

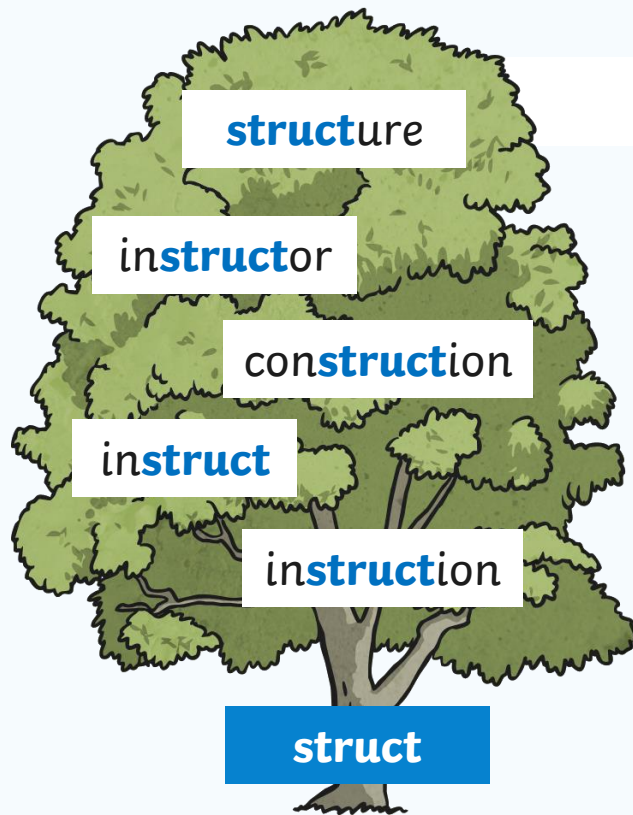


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The Struct Family

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.

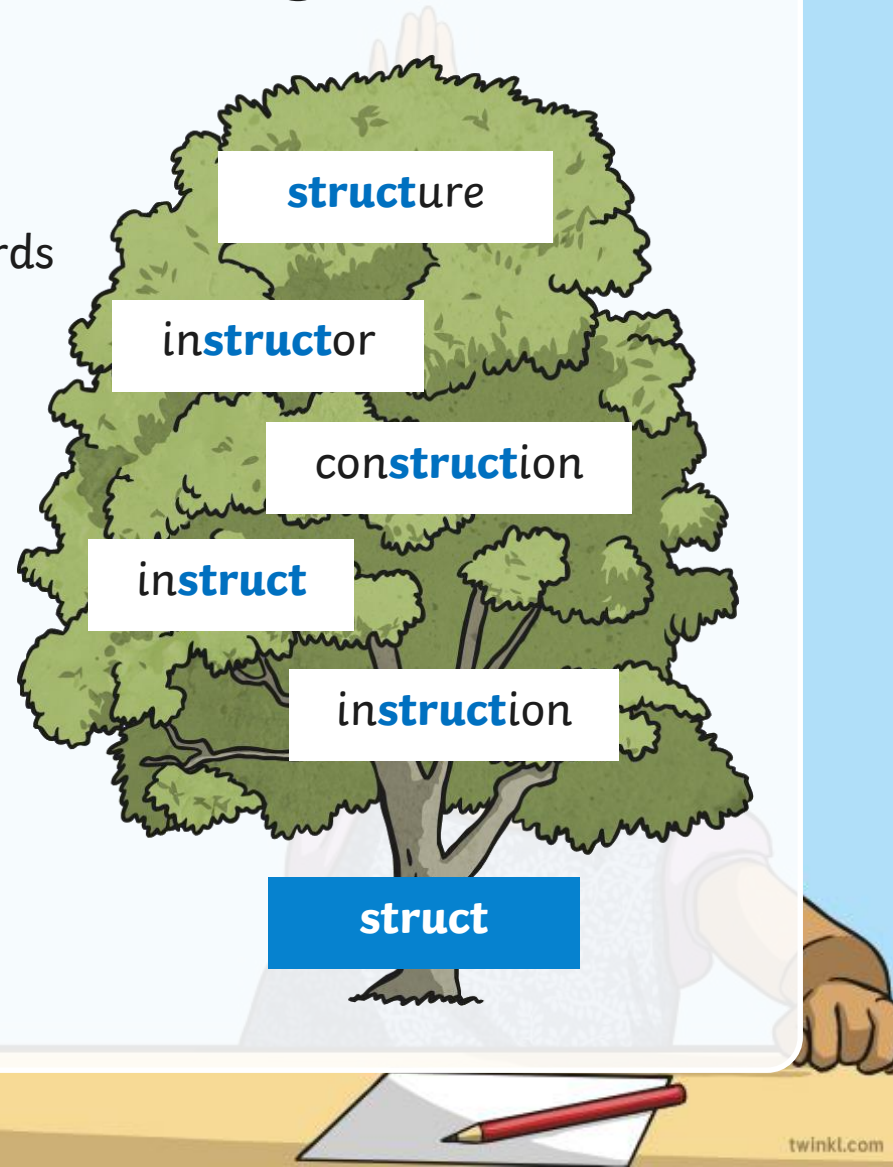
To tell or order somebody to do something (often how to make something) in a particular order

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The Struct Family

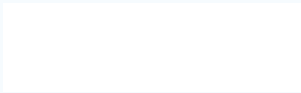
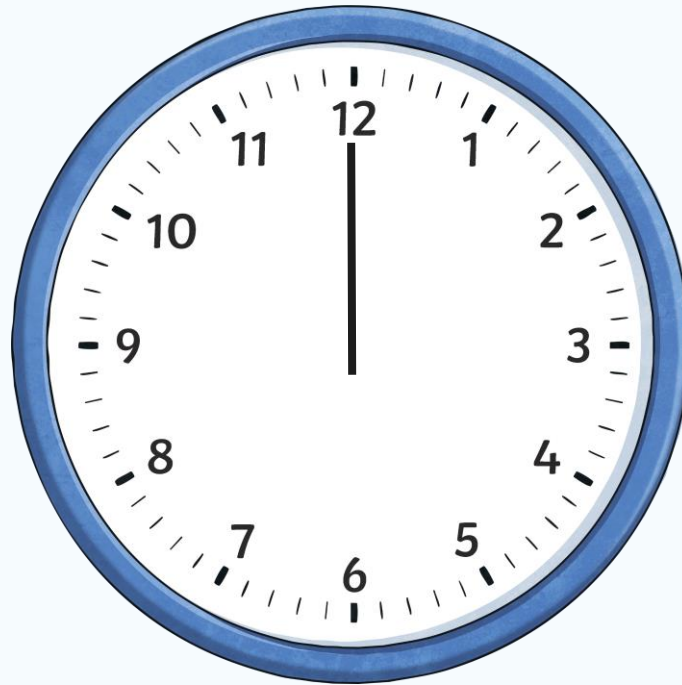
Did you think of any different words?

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



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?

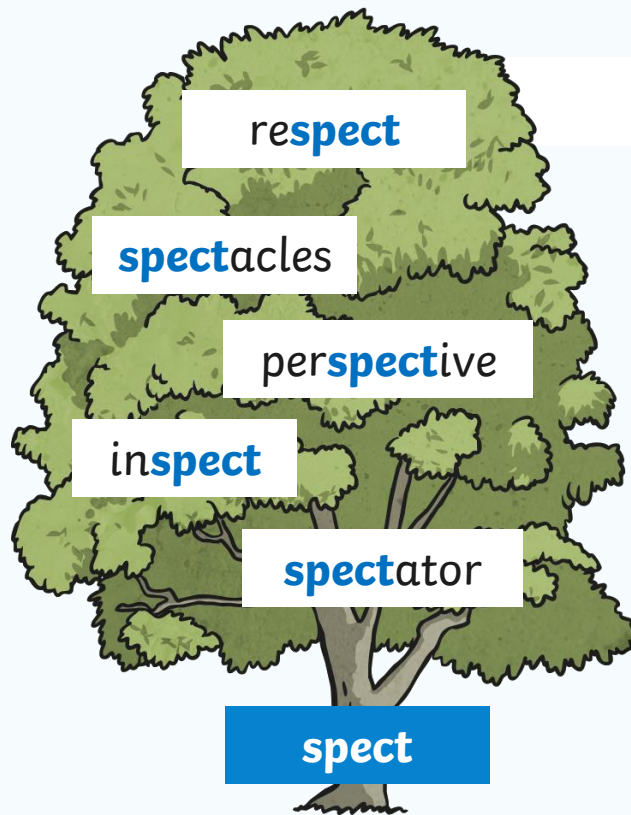


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The Spect Family

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



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.

The Spect Family

Did you think of any different words?

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