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What is Word Families

Unlock Vocabulary with Word Families!

DEFINITION

> Word families are groups of words that share a common base or root. They help us understand and build vocabulary by recognizing patterns in language.

KEY CONCEPTS

Root Words

A root word is the basic part of a word that gives it meaning.

Affixes

Affixes are prefixes or suffixes added to root words to change their meaning.

Family Connections

Words in a family are related and often have similar meanings or uses.

Examples of Families

For instance, 'play' can lead to 'playing', 'played', and 'player'.

Building Vocabulary

Learning word families helps expand vocabulary and improves reading skills.

EXAMPLES

→ cat, cats, catty, catlike

→ run, runs, running, runner

→ happy, happier, happiest, happily

MEMORY TIPS

★ Think of a tree: the root is the base, branches are the words.

★ Use rhymes to remember families, like 'play' and 'stay'.

★ Create a visual map connecting root words to their family members.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing root words with unrelated words.

✗ Forgetting to include all forms of a word in a family.

✗ Mixing up prefixes and suffixes.

QUICK RECAP

Word families group related words that share a common root. Understanding these connections enhances vocabulary and reading skills, making it easier to learn new words.