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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 new words easily.

KEY CONCEPTS

Root Words

The base word that other words in the family are built from.

Affixes

Prefixes and suffixes added to root words to create new meanings.

Similar Sounds

Words in a family often have similar sounds, making them easier to remember.

Examples of Families

Common word families include 'play' (play, player, playful) and 'help' (help, helper, helpful).

Building Vocabulary

Learning word families helps expand vocabulary and improves reading skills.

EXAMPLES

- cat, catty, catlike
- run, runner, running
- happy, happiness, happily

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Think of a tree: the root is the base word, branches are new words.
- ★ Create a word map connecting words in the same family.
- ★ Use rhymes to remember similar sounding words.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing root words with unrelated words.
- ✗ Forgetting to include prefixes or suffixes.
- ✗ Mixing up words from different families.

QUICK RECAP

Word families group words with a common root, making vocabulary easier to learn. Remember the role of affixes and practice with examples to enhance your understanding.