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Beginner lessons for Word Families

Unlock Vocabulary with Word Families for Beginners!

DEFINITION

> Word families are groups of words that share a common root or base. Learning them helps expand vocabulary and understand word meanings better.

KEY CONCEPTS

Root Words

The base form of a word that carries its main meaning.

Prefixes

Letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.

Suffixes

Letters added to the end of a root word to create a new word or change its form.

Related Words

Words that share the same root but differ in meaning or grammatical function.

Examples of Families

For instance, 'play' can form 'player', 'playing', and 'playful'.

EXAMPLES

→ happy, happiness, unhappiness

→ teach, teacher, teaching

→ care, careful, careless

MEMORY TIPS

★ Visualize a family tree to connect root words with their related forms.

★ Create silly sentences using words from the same family to make them memorable.

★ Group words by their prefixes or suffixes to see patterns.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing similar-sounding words from different families.

✗ Using the wrong suffix or prefix for a word.

✗ Not recognizing that some words can belong to multiple families.

QUICK RECAP

Word families help you learn related words that share a root. Understanding prefixes and suffixes enhances your vocabulary and comprehension. Review examples to solidify your knowledge before the exam.