

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?

Look at all of the words in this family. What do they have in common?
What should the family name be?

writer

written

writing

underwrite

rewrite

writes



The **Write** Family

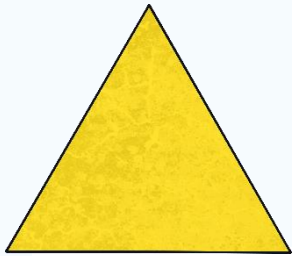


What are Word Families?

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

These words...

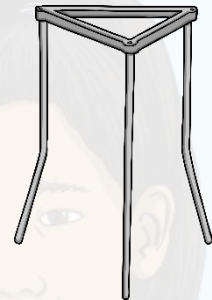
triangle



tricycle



tripod

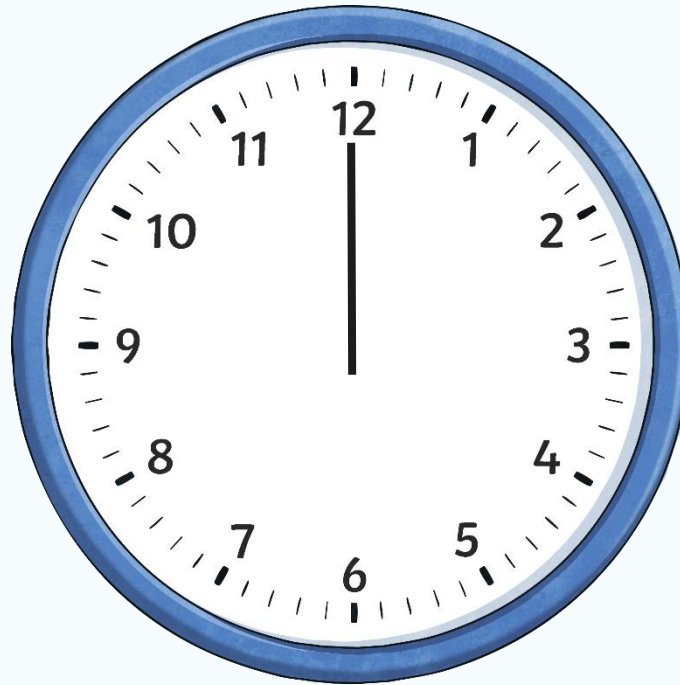


...all come from the prefix 'tri', which means 'three' in the ancient language of Latin.

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?

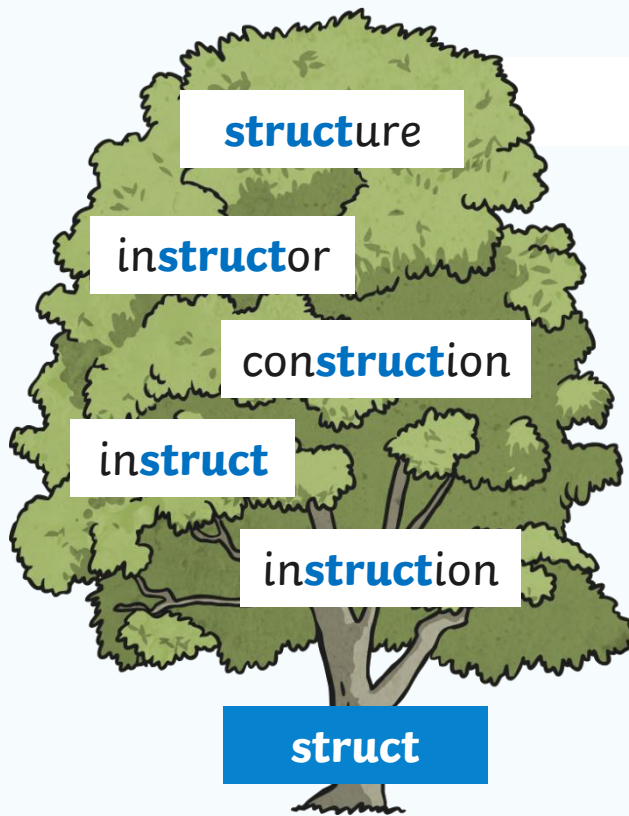


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The Struct Family

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.

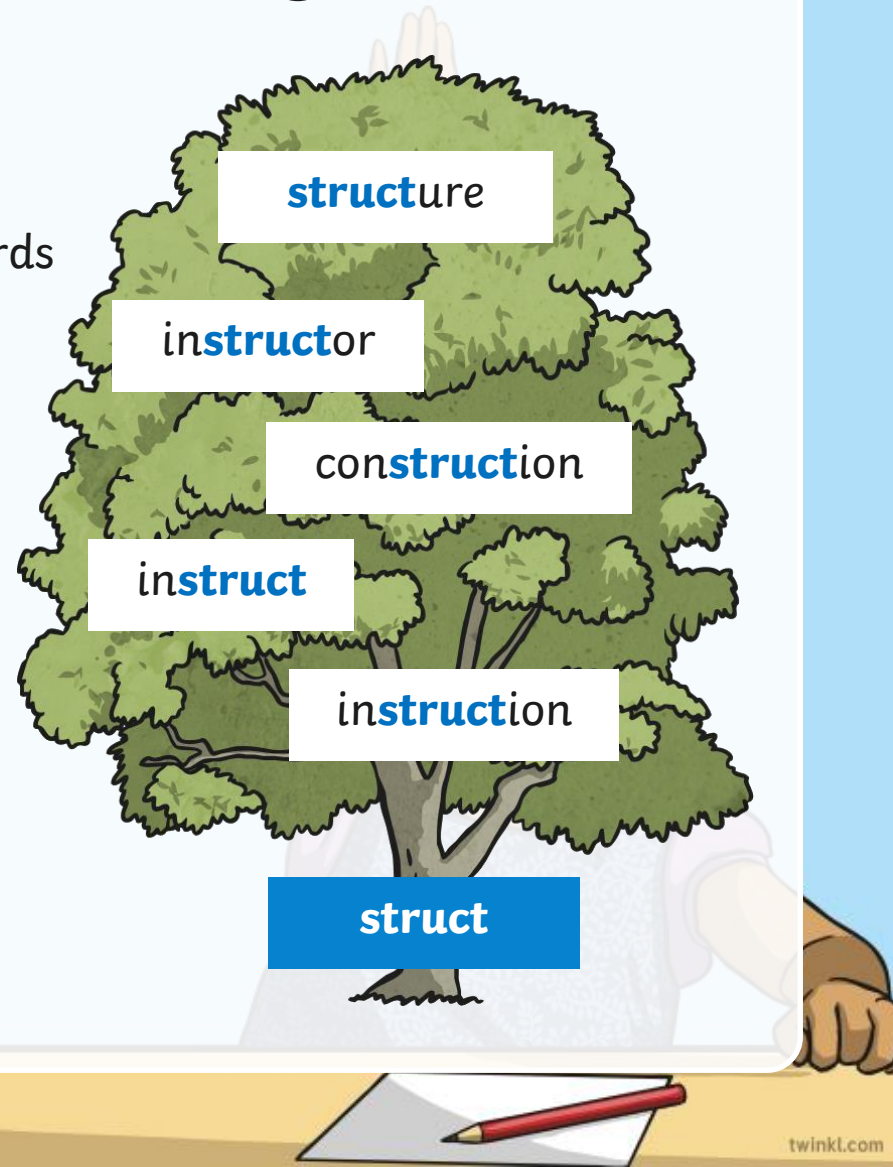
To tell or order somebody to do something (often how to make something) in a particular order

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

The Struct Family

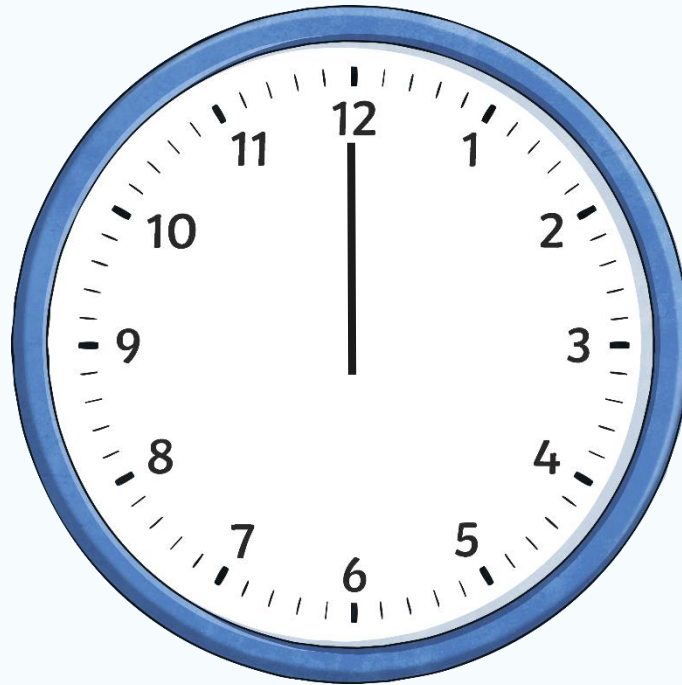
Did you think of any different words?

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



The Spect Family

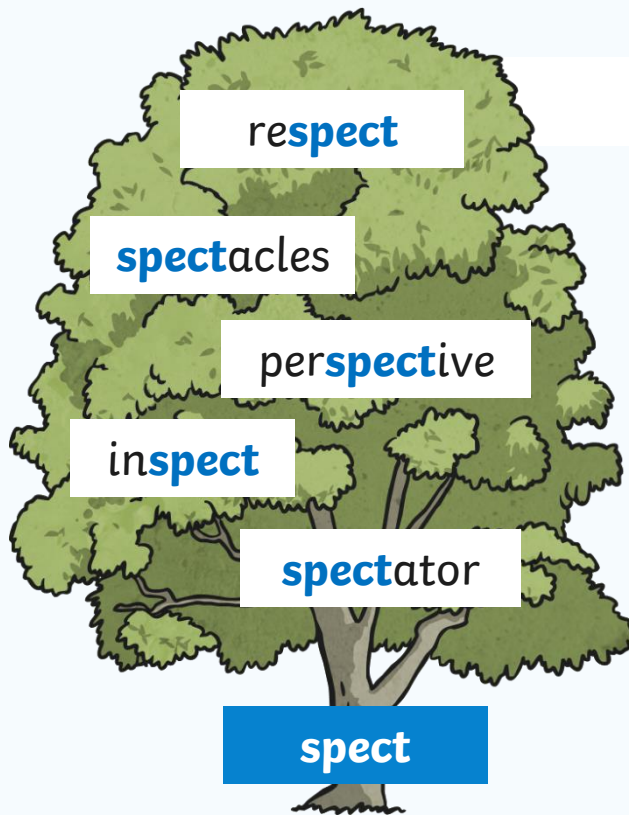
This time, explore the root 'spect' with a partner. How many words containing 'spect' can you think of in the next two minutes?



Start

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.

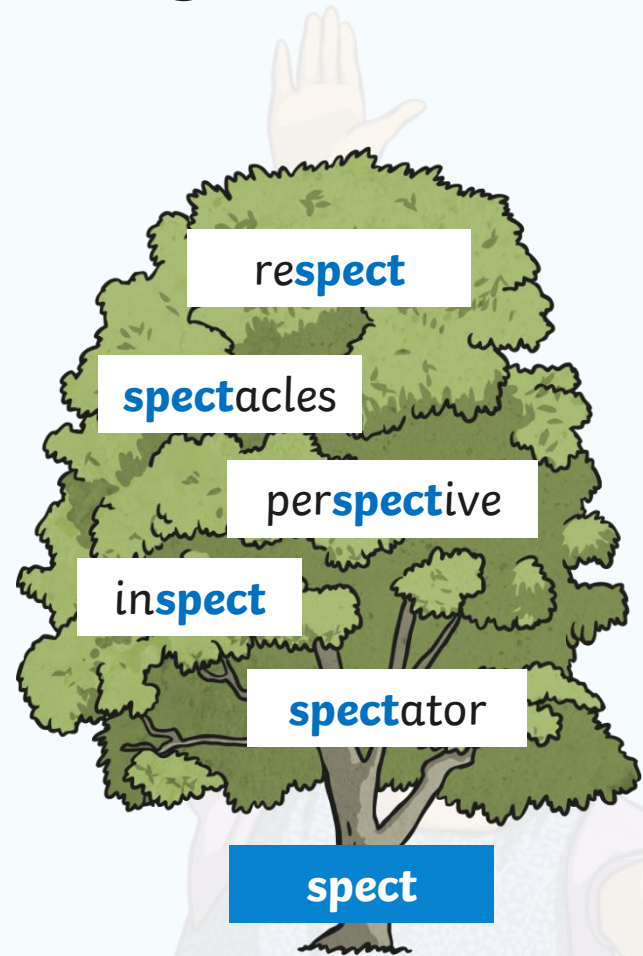
To closely examine something.

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

The Spect Family

Did you think of any different words?

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



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

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?

The 'vent'
family

ad**venture**

e**vent**

con**vention**

ven**ture**

ven**tilate**

The 'cover'
family

co**vering**

co**verage**

re**discover**

un**cover**

The 'uni'
family

un**ited**

commu**unity**

un**ique**

re**union**

un**ison**

The 'graph'
family

g**raphic**

auto**graph**

g**raph**

bio**graphy**

Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'press' family. Which one is the odd one out?

impress

compress

depressed

antipress

Antipress is a nonsense word. Well done.



Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'vent' family. Which one is the odd one out?

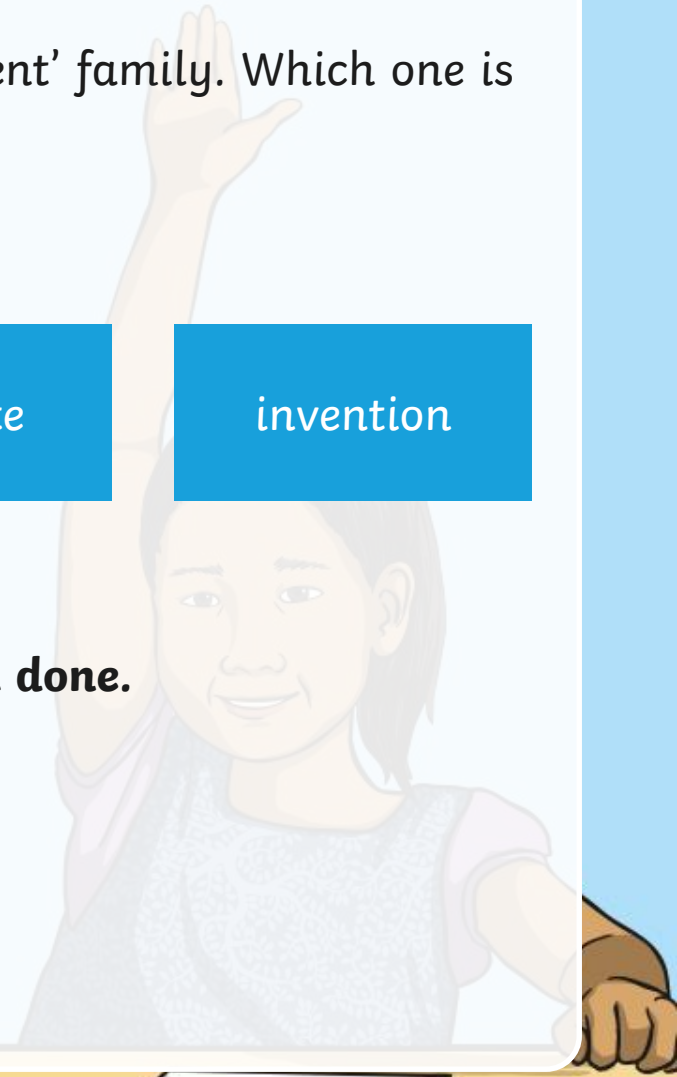
revent

invent

ventilate

invention

Revent is a nonsense word. Well done.



Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'struct' family. Which one is the odd one out?

construct

structure

struction

instruct

Struction is a nonsense word. Well done.



Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'scope' family. Which one is the odd one out?

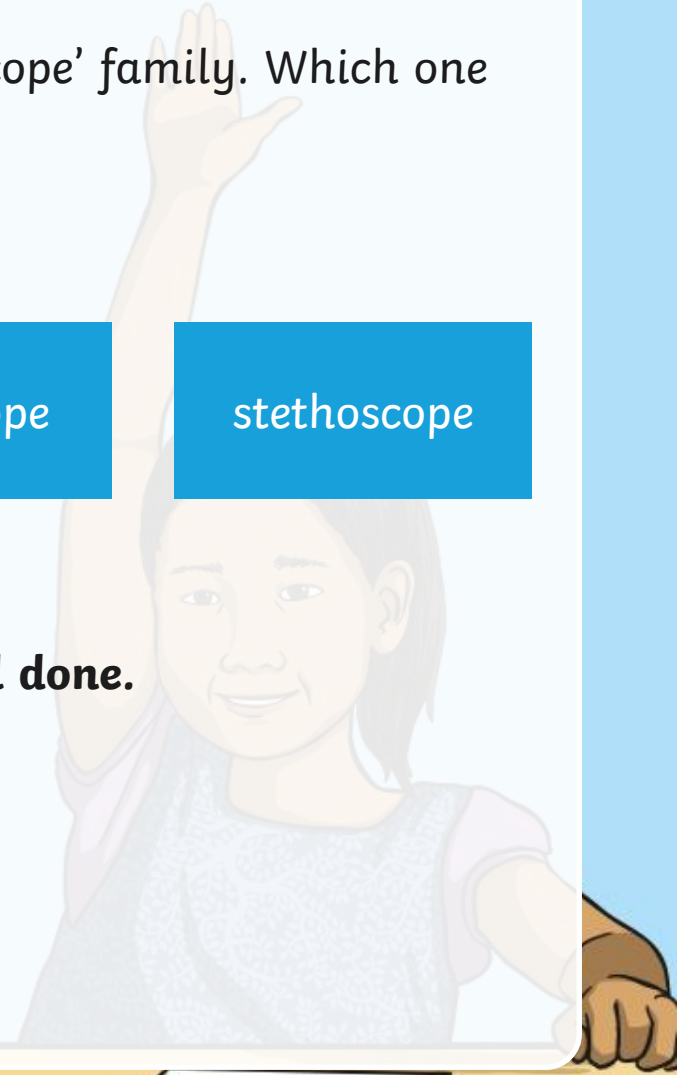
telescope

inscope

microscope

stethoscope

Inscope is a nonsense word. Well done.



Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'spect' family. Which one is the odd one out?

spectacle

spectator

inspect

despect

Despect is a nonsense word. Well done.



Odd One Out

Below are four words which could belong to the 'place' family. Which one is the odd one out?

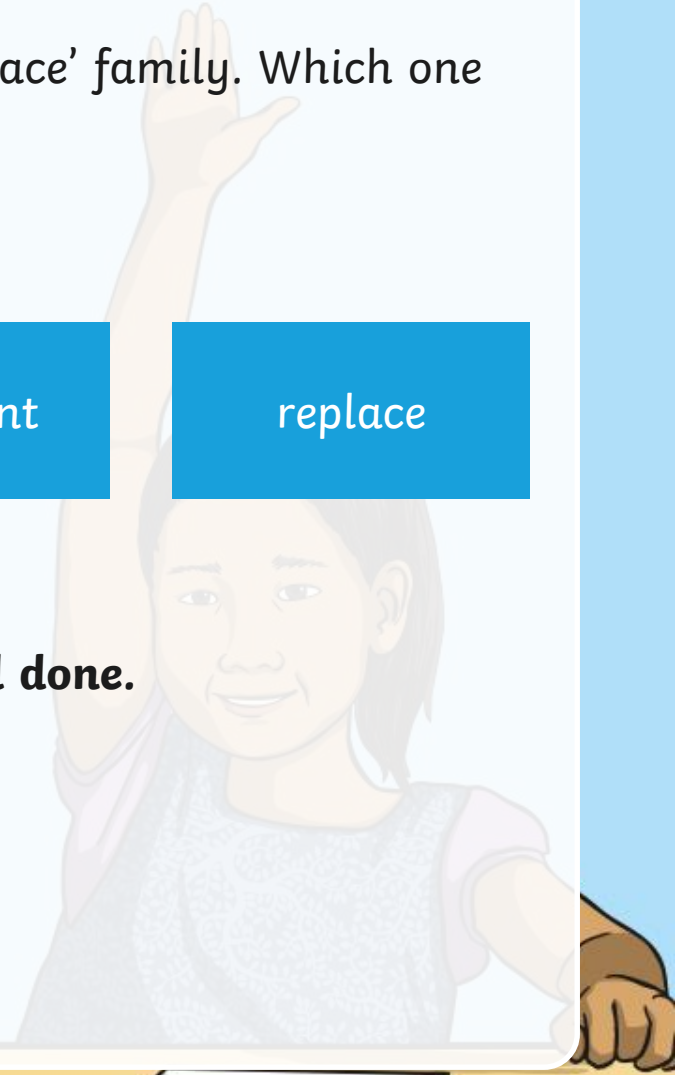
deplace

misplace

placement

replace

Deplace is a nonsense word. Well done.



Mix and Match

Below are lots of different root words, prefixes and suffixes. How many different ways can you combine these words to make different words within the same word families?

spect	re
place	ment
vent	in
press	ure



Mix and Match - Answers

Here are some of the different combinations you could have had to make different words within the same word families.

in

spect

in

vent

re

spect

re

place

re

press

vent

ure

press

ure

place

ment

Word Family Quick Quiz

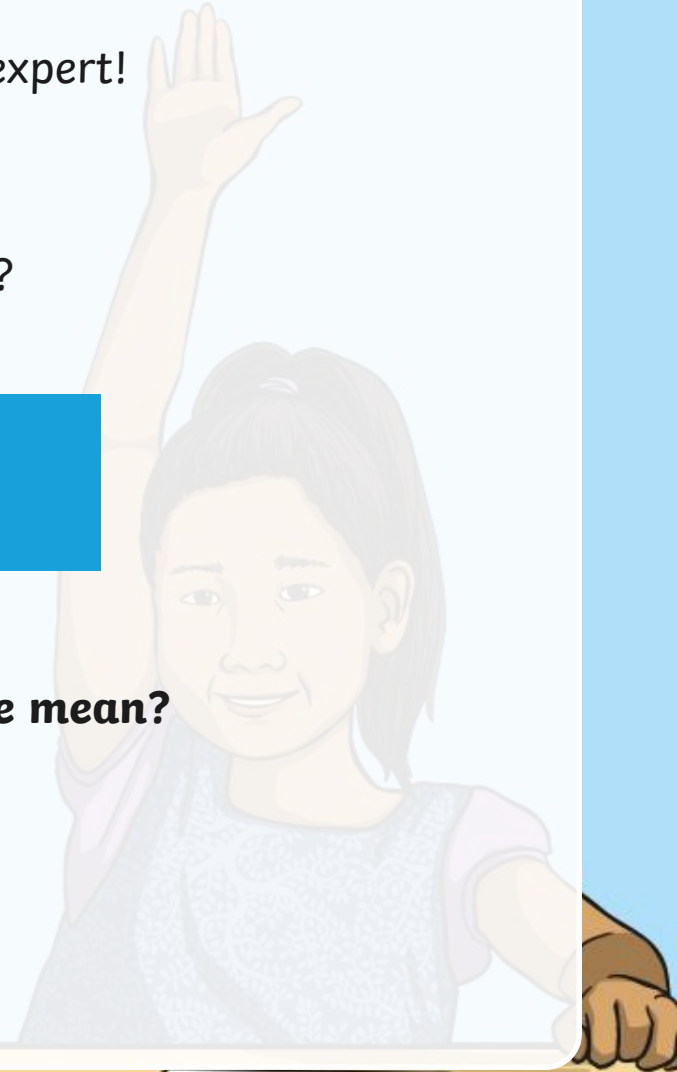
Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Does the word...
pressure
belong in the 'press' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. What does pressure mean?



Word Family Quick Quiz

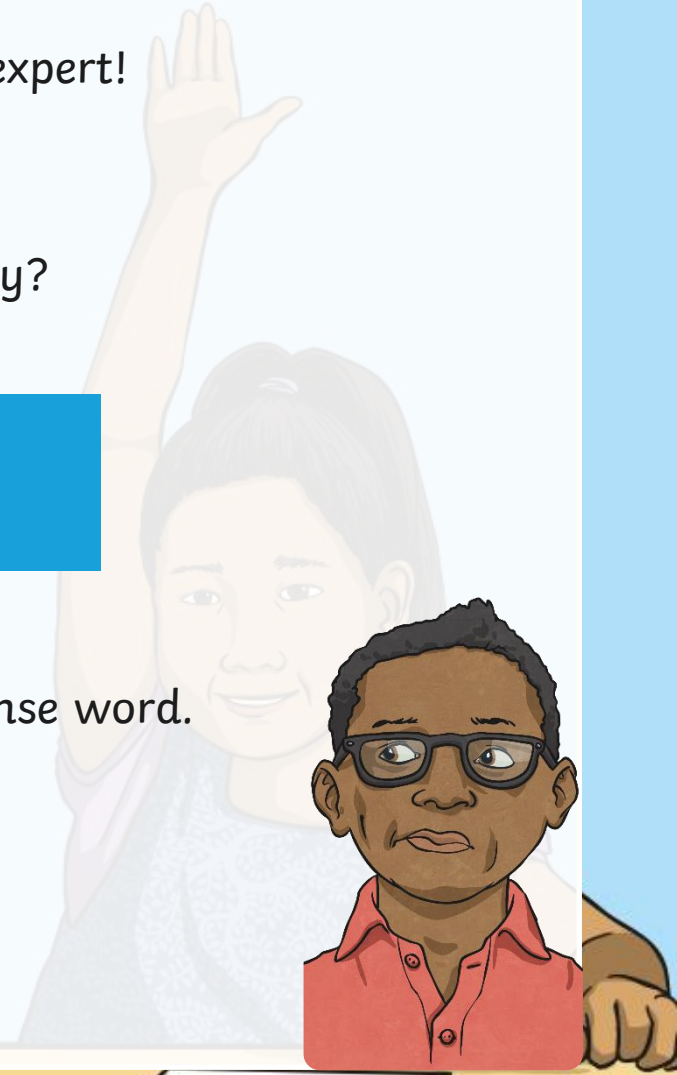
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Does the word...
antivent
belong in the 'antivent' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. Antivent is a nonsense word.



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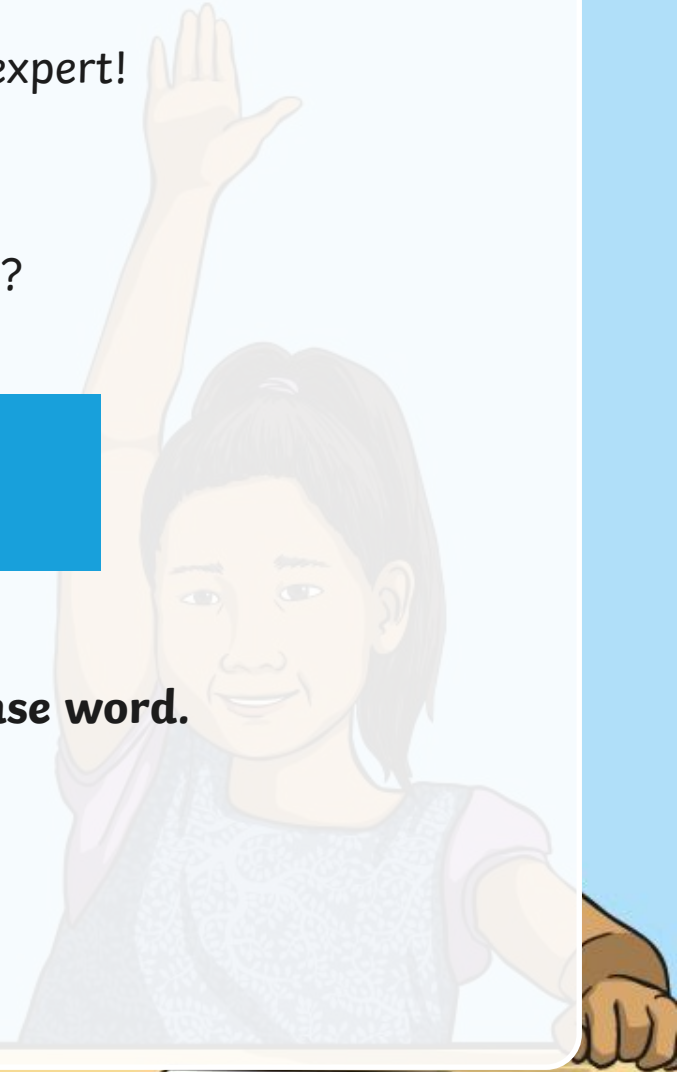
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Does the word...
restruct
belong in the 'struct' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. Restruct is a nonsense word.



Word Family Quick Quiz

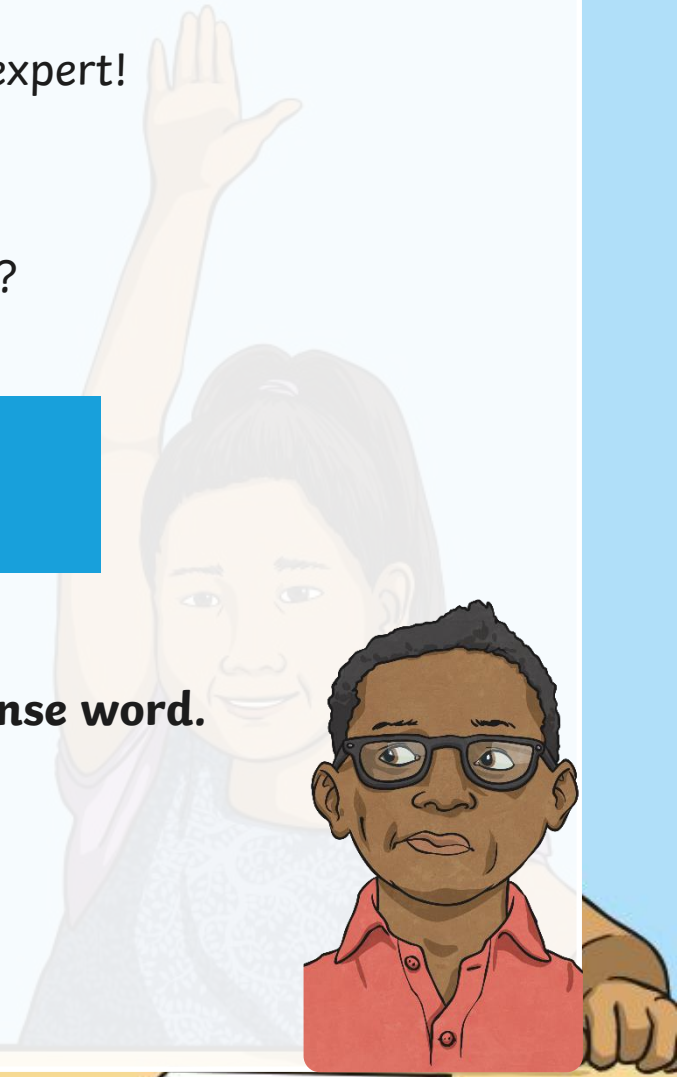
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Does the word...
anscope
belong in the 'scope' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. Anscope is a nonsense word.



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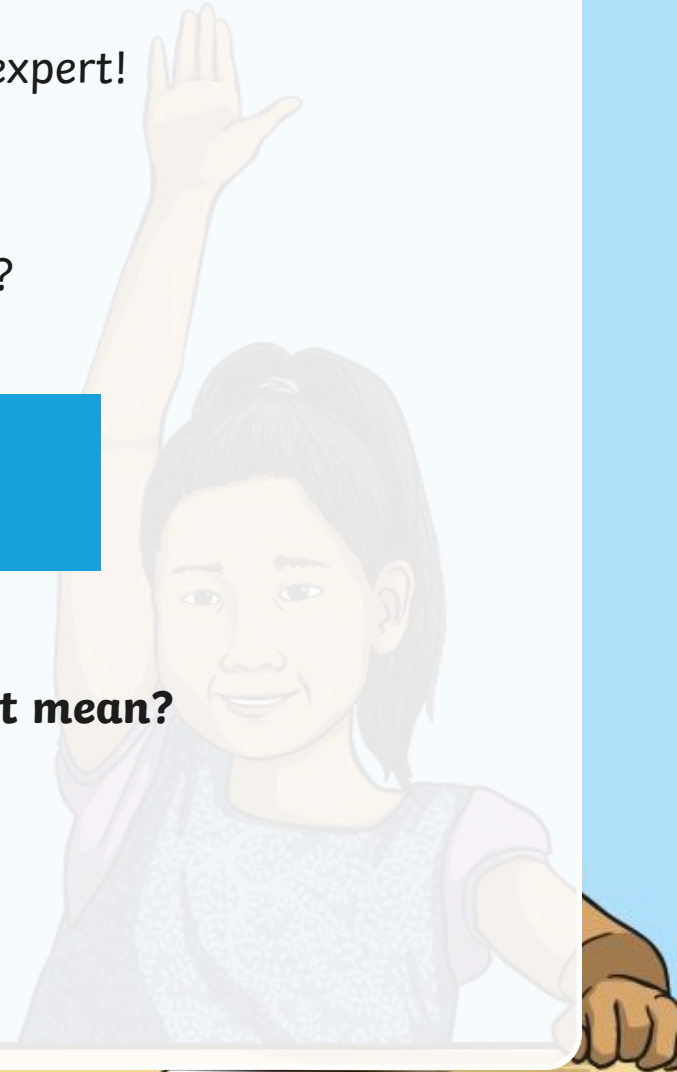
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Does the word...
respect
belong in the 'spect' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. What does respect mean?



Word Family Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Does the word...
displace
belong in the 'place' family?

Yes

No

You're correct. What does displace mean?

