

# Varied Fluency

## Step 1: Word Families

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (3G6.4) [Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning \[for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble\]](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support understanding and identifying word families when the suffix does not change the root word.

**Expected** Questions to support understanding and identifying word families when the suffix sometimes changes the root word.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support understanding and identifying word families when the suffix changes the root word or a prefix has also been added.

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## Word Families

1a. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. Mrs Davies told the children to be \_\_\_\_\_ when they crossed the road.

B. My sister has lots of broken toys because she is \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

careless

careful



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2a. True or false?

Enjoyment, judgement and movement belong to the same word family.



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3a. What does the root word love mean in the word family below?

loved

lovely

loves

hate

☐

sad

☐

like

☐


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4a. Tick the suffixes that can be added to the root words below to make a new word.

root word	-er	-ly
cheerful		
catch		
smooth		
speak		



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## Word Families

1b. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. Isabel is the \_\_\_\_\_ person I know because she looked after me when I was ill.

B. The teacher thanked the children for their \_\_\_\_\_ and support.

kindest

kindness



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2b. True or false?

Thankful, thankless and thanked belong to the same word family.



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3b. What does the root word talk mean in the word family below?

talking

talker

talked

speak

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move

☐

act

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4b. Tick the suffixes that can be added to the root words below to make a new word.

root word	-ful	-est
joy		
smart		
loud		
hope		



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5a. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. George was the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in the world because he won a game design competition.

B. The young couple were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ on their wedding day.

happiness

happiest



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5b. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. England winning the Football World Cup in 1966 was a great \_\_\_\_\_ for the team.

B. She was a high \_\_\_\_\_ as she often studied at home.

achiever

achievement



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6a. True or false?

Manage, management and manager belong to the same word family.



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6b. True or false?

Plentiful, thoughtful and dreadful belong to the same word family.



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7a. What does the root word fold mean in the word family below?

folder

unfold

folding

bend

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stretch

☐

have

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7b. What does the root word stop mean in the word family below?

stopable

stopping

stopped

win

☐

carry

☐

cease

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8a. Tick the suffixes that can be used with the root words below to make a new word.

root word	-ful	-ly
play		
extreme		
beauty		
angry		



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8b. Tick the suffixes that can be used with the root words below to make a new word.

root word	-ness	-ment
merry		
forgive		
excite		
chatty		



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## Word Families

9a. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. Jeremy's parents were disappointed in him for \_\_\_\_\_ in such an unruly manner.

B. Sahil and Meg, the unruly twins, \_\_\_\_\_ during their exercise class.

misbehaved

behaving



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## Word Families

9b. Use the words below to complete the following sentences.

A. Although he worked hard on his assignment, there were many \_\_\_\_\_ needed to improve it.

B. Last week, I completed a spelling test and I had two \_\_\_\_\_ answers.

incorrect

corrections



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10a. True or false?

Solve, solving and dissolve belong to the same word family.



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10b. True or false?

Appoint, disappoint and pointed belong to the same word family.



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11a. What does the root word graph mean in the word family below?

autograph      photograph      graphed

drawing

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painting

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typing

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11b. What does the root word appear mean in the word family below?

disappear      reappear      appeared

unheard

☐

visible

☐

invisible

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12a. Tick the suffixes that can be used with the words below to make a new word.

prefix + root word	-ful	-ly
inconsiderate		
disgrace		
mistrust		
unintelligent		



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12b. Tick the suffixes that can be used with the words below to make a new word.

prefix + root word	-ment	-ness
unhappy		
disagree		
unlike		
misjudge		



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## Varied Fluency Word Families

### Developing

- 1a. **A: careful; B: careless**
- 2a. **False, they have the same suffix but different roots.**
- 3a. **like**
- 4a. **catcher, speaker, smoother; cheerfully, smoothly**

### Expected

- 5a. **A: happiest; B: happiness**
- 6a. **true**
- 7a. **bend**
- 8a. **playful, beautiful; angrily, extremely**

### Greater Depth

- 9a. **A: behaving; B: misbehaved**
- 10a. **true**
- 11a. **drawing**
- 12a. **inconsiderately, unintelligently; mistrustful, disgraceful**

## Varied Fluency Word Families

### Developing

- 1b. **A: kindest; B: kindness**
- 2b. **True**
- 3b. **speak**
- 4b. **joyful, hopeful; loudest, smartest**

### Expected

- 5b. **A: achievement; B: achiever**
- 6b. **False, they have the same suffix but different roots.**
- 7b. **cease**
- 8b. **merriment, excitement; forgiveness, chattiness**

### Greater Depth

- 9b. **A: corrections; B: incorrect**
- 10b. **False, pointed belongs to a different word family.**
- 11b. **visible**
- 12b. **unhappiness, unlikeness; disagreement, misjudgement**