

WORD FAMILIES

Teach sets, not single words.



THE IDEA

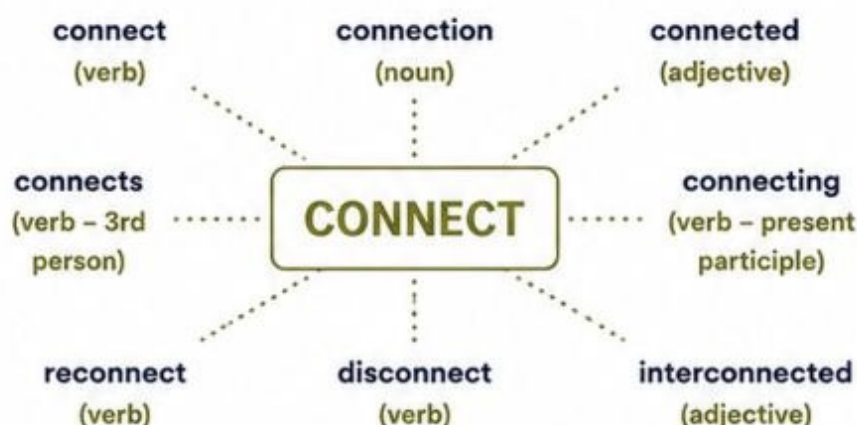
Teaching words in families helps students see patterns, grow their vocabulary faster and understand how words work.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Choose high-utility word families from your subject. Teach the root word first, then build out the family together. Use across reading, writing and speaking.

EXAMPLE: CONNECT



EXAMPLE IN CONTEXT

- The new road will **connect** the two towns.
- There is a strong **connection** between exercise and wellbeing.
- Our devices are all **connected** to the same network.
- It's important to **disconnect** and take a break sometimes.
- Climate, food and water are all **interconnected**.



WHY IT WORKS

Word families build depth of understanding, improve recall and support confident use in different contexts.



EAL UPGRADE

Provide a visual word family map and simple definitions.

Use in speaking frames: "This is connected to..." / "For example..."



TRY IT TOMORROW

Choose one academic word from your lesson.

Create a word family with your class.

Use the new words in a short discussion or written task.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"What other words are in this family?"

"How are these words similar or different?"

"Can you use one of these words in your sentence?"

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