

# Word Families

## Based on Common Words



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This week, we are again looking at spellings that belong to the same family of words. Knowing that a word follows a particular pattern can make it simpler to spell.

Many words share the same **origin** or root word.



The word 'origin' means where something came from or where it began.



The particular root word that we are going to look at this week is...

# ‘sign’

which derives from Latin and is often associated with words that mean **to mark or to seal**.

Can you think of some words that contain the root ‘sign’?



Working with a partner, can you think of the 'sign' words to match these definitions in this quick-fire quiz?

To write your name in a distinctive way to sign off letters or authorise documents.

Click for answer

To allocate a job to someone.

Click for answer

To create a plan or drawing of a building, piece of clothing or object before it is built or made.

Click for answer

To appoint a person to a specific job.

Click for answer

Greatly important and worthwhile.

Click for answer



Working with a partner, can you think of the 'sign' words to match these definitions in this quick-fire quiz?

Giving up a position or retiring.

Click for answer

To voluntarily leave a job.

Click for answer

Not all important or worth any thought.

Click for answer

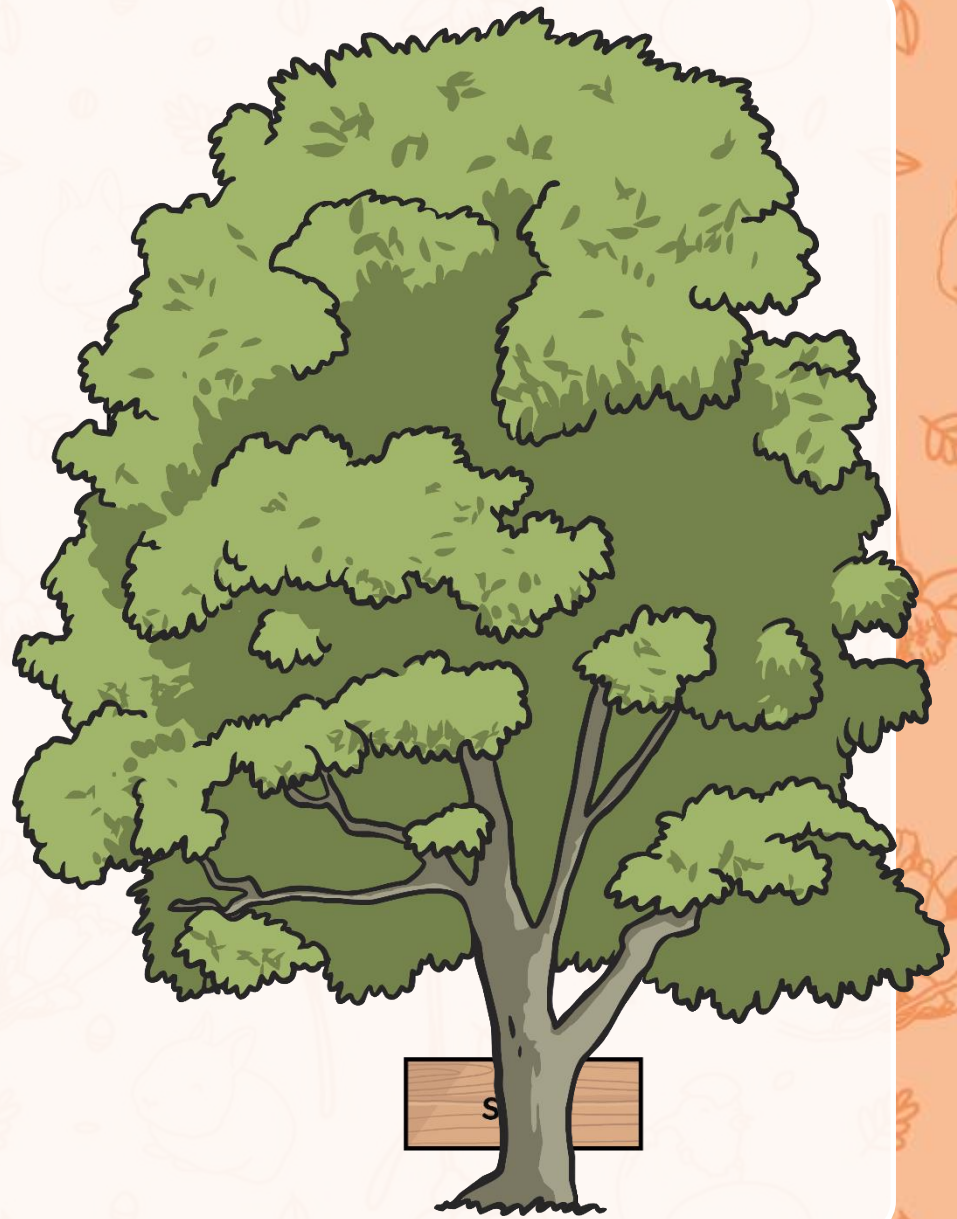
A piece of work to complete as part of a job or course.

Click for answer

A gesture, action or sound used to signify something.

Click for answer

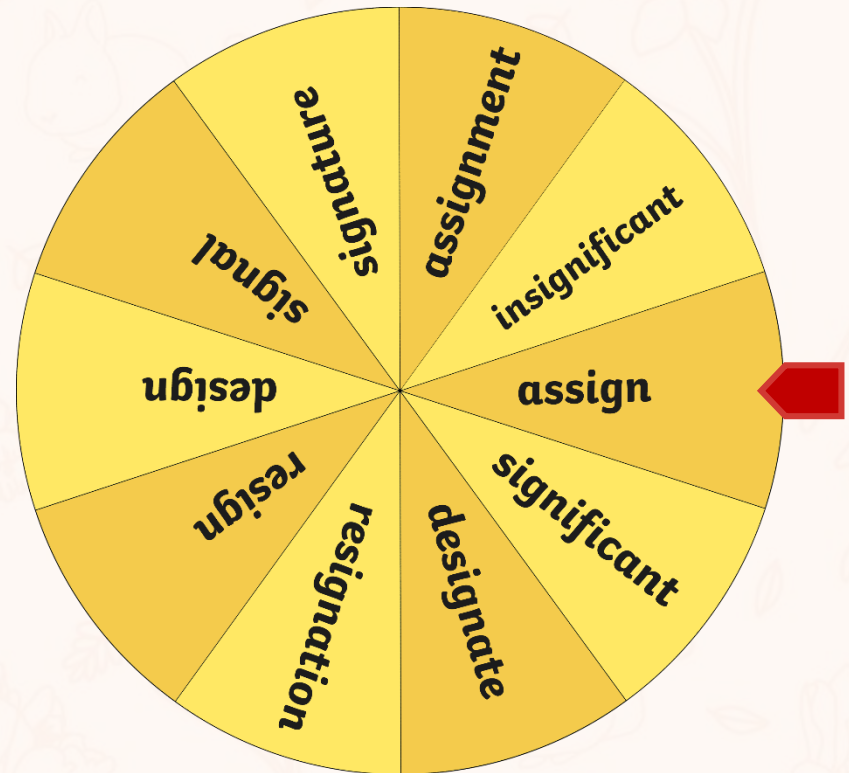
Have another look at your  
'**sign**' root word spellings for  
this week...



# Let's spin the spinner!

Now, work with your partner to write a sentence that contains the 'sign' word on your whiteboards.

Could your sentence also  
be used as a subordinate clause?  
Would it need an adverb?  
adverb possibility?



Spin



**Here are your spelling words for this week.**



Here are your  
spelling words for  
this week.

Work hard to  
practise these 'sign'  
word family  
spellings.

**Week 5**

Word families based  
on common words,  
showing how words  
are related in form  
and meaning

signature

assign

design

designate

significant

resignation

resign

insignificant

assignment

signal

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