

Lesson 1: Base Word Families

Assign. # _____

Each Spelling Word is part of a base word family because it is created from the same base word. Look at the base words that make up each of the base word families.

Write the base word of the following Spelling Words to help you remember them. Hint: the Spelling Words include a few base words.

Spelling Word	Base Word
purify	pure
discomfort	_____
annoyance	_____
indecision	_____
impurity	_____
indestructible	_____
destruction	_____
uncomfortable	_____

- **Base words are words that are used to form other words.**
- **Base word families are words that have a base word in common.**

Spelling Words

1. *family*
2. *familiarize*
3. *amusing*
4. *amusement*
5. *discomfort*
6. *uncomfortable*
7. *annoying*
8. *annoyance*
9. *undecided*
10. *indecision*
11. *pure*
12. *purify*
13. *impurity*
14. *destroy*
15. *indestructible*
16. *destruction*

Your Own Words

Create a list of words from a base word family. For instance, you might see the base word *support* in a book and think of other words that include the base word *support*, such as *supporting* and *supportive*.

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

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Spelling Clues: Base Word Changes Some base words change when they are made into another word, and some do not.

Look at each Spelling Word and the base word it was created from. If the base word changed in order to form the Spelling Word, write "yes." If the base word did not change in order to form the Spelling Word, write "no."

Spelling Word	Base Word
1. amusement	amuse
2. uncomfortable	comfort
3. annoying	annoy
4. destruction	destroy
5. undecided	decide
6. indecision	decide

Proofreading 7–11. Circle each incorrect word of a base word family in the advertisement below. Then write the words correctly on the lines.

Attention customers! Got water impurity? Familiarize yourselves with the indistructible water pump that will purefy your water until it's crystal clear. Buy one for all the members of your fammily! They'll love it!

Fun with Words 12–16. Write the Spelling Word that completes each sentence.

12. The children laughed at the colorful and _____ story.
13. The fresh snowfall seemed so clean and _____ against the backdrop of the dirty cars.
14. The medicine was intended to _____ the bacteria.
15. The loud music was disturbing, an _____ during an otherwise pleasant afternoon.
16. The small seats on the crowded bus added to her sense of _____.

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