

Name (in Romaji):	→
Student Number:	→
Class Day + Period (examples: Monday 2, Friday 3):	→

Word Families Activity

Common Word Families				
Noun		Verb	Adjective	Adverb
Thing	Person			
		apply		
competition				
				critically
			decisive	
economy				
	finalist			
	interpreter			
		maintain		X
management				X
			mechanical	
nation				
		negotiate		X
	politician			
				productively



	X	prosper		
repetition				
			simple	
theory				

Common Word Endings			
noun	verb	adjective	adverb
-ance	-en	-able	-ly
-ancy	-ify	-ible	-ward
-ence	-ize	-al	-wise
-ation		-ful	
-ian		-ish	
-ism		-ive	
-ist		-ous	
-ment			
-ness			
-ship			
-or			
-er			

Word Families – Practice

The word in capital letters at the end of each of these sentences can be changed to form a word that fits suitably in the blank space. Fill each blank space in this way.

EXAMPLE:

The mud on her dress was very _____. **NOTICE**

ANSWER:

The mud on her dress was very noticeable.

1. Nobody wanted to live in the _____ part of the town. **INDUSTRY**

2. The police asked him to give a _____ of the suitcase he had lost.

DESCRIBE

3. He had no _____ that he was being watched. **SUSPECT**

4. This is Alexandra, my personal _____. **ASSIST**

5. Although my coworkers quickly found new jobs after the factory closed down, my brother and I were _____ for several months. **EMPLOY**

6. Although I was positive that the girl had stolen my ring, I could not find any _____. **PROVE**

7. The doctor had to deal with the hysterical patient in his office with sympathy and _____. **UNDERSTAND**

8. There's a special _____ at the British Embassy tonight. **RECEIVE**

9. The next-door neighbors are so _____ that we have stopped trying to talk to them. **FRIEND**

10. Yes, I can speak a little Spanish because I spent some of my _____ in Spain. **BOY**



11. This family jewel is not simply valuable, it is _____. **VALUE**
12. Susan has two bad characteristics: jealousy and _____. **POSSESS**
13. After all he has done for us, it would be very _____ of us if we didn't do this for him now. **HELP**
14. With the world's population increasing, by the year 2050 it is feared there will be a terrible food _____. **SHORT**
15. Penelope has _____ failed her driving test again. **FORTUNE**
16. Fruit is always _____ in summer here. **PLENTY**
17. The _____ of the money from the cash-box shows that somebody in this office is a thief. **APPEAR**
18. You must accept the _____ of the committee. **DECIDE**
19. Vernon and Wanda arrived late at the opera and were refused _____ until the end of the first act. **ADMIT**
20. This skirt is too short. Do you think you could _____ it a little for me?
LONG

Can you create similar practice problems? Ask your instructor for such an assignment!

