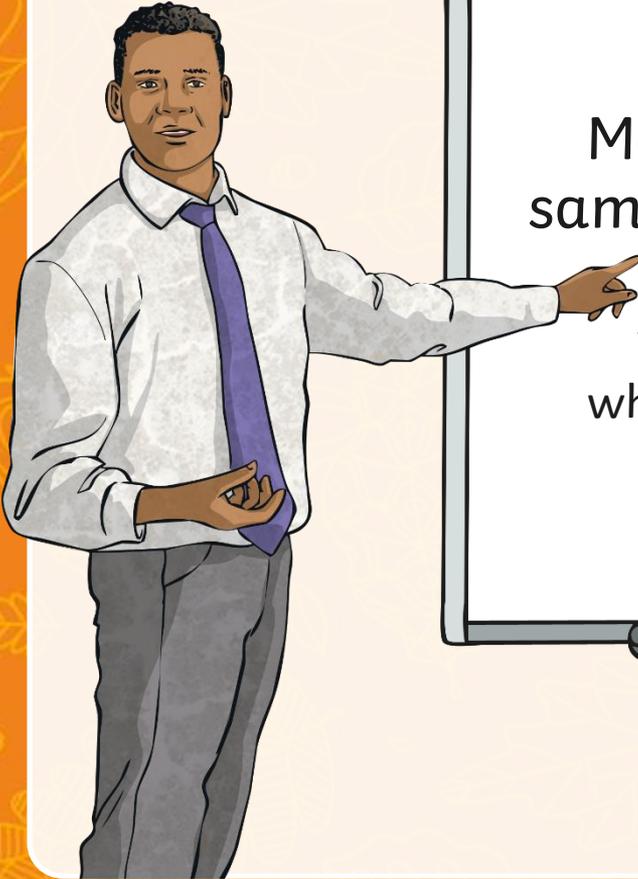


# Word Families Based on Common Words



This week, we are again looking at spellings that belong to the same family of words.



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

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



The root words 'light' and 'lumin' (which means light/glow) are the base for many spellings from the same word family. *Lumin* comes from an ancient language called Latin.

enlighten

daylight

Working with a partner, can you think of any words that you think belong in this word family?

lighten

twilight

lumin

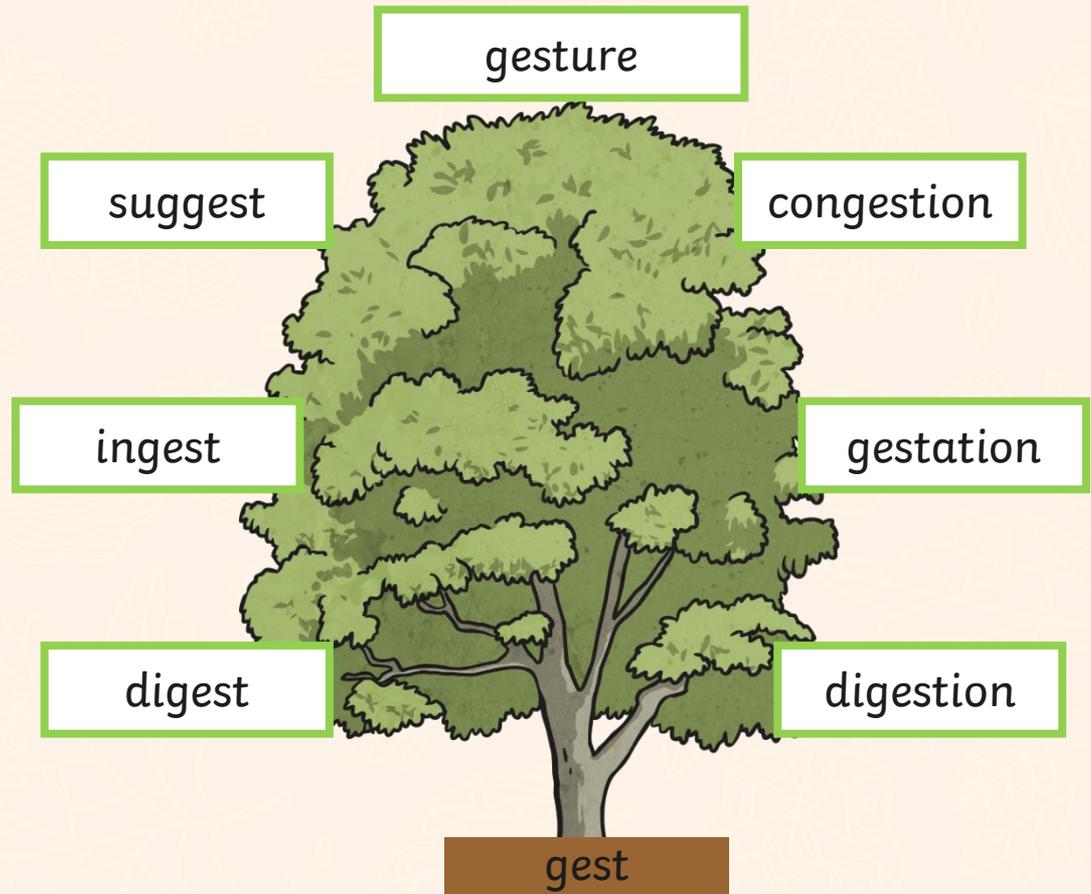
light



The root word '*gest*' also comes from Latin.

It is often used in words that have a meaning to do with carrying or bearing something.

Working with a partner, can you think of any words that you think belong in this word family?



Do you know the meanings of all these spelling words for this week?

suggest

digest

congestion

gesture

gestation

lightning

daylight

enlighten

twilight

limelight

Use a dictionary to help you define any that you are unsure of.

Work with a partner and work out which of the words you think fits best in this sentence?

Dad looked at the broken pane of glass in the greenhouse and waited for the guilty-looking boys to \_\_\_\_\_ him as to how it happened.

enlighten



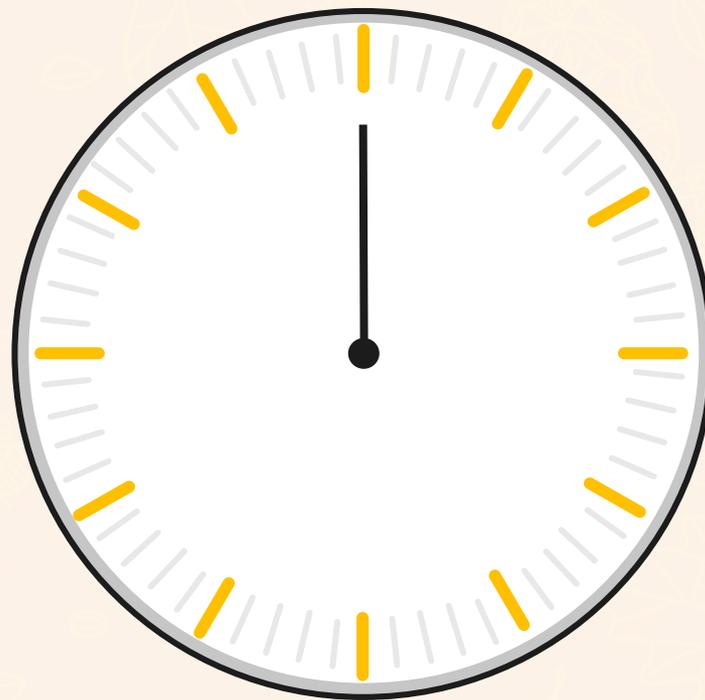
How many times can you speed write this word in 1 minute?

**Start**

Work with a partner and work out which of the words you think fits best in this sentence?

The average \_\_\_\_\_  
period for a female Asian  
elephant is an amazing  
20 months.

gestation



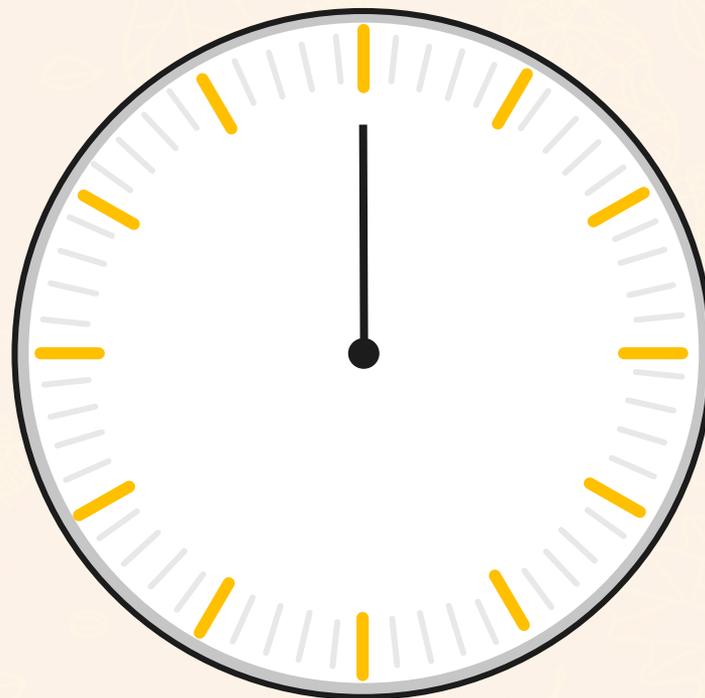
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**Start**

Work with a partner and work out which of the words you think fits best in this sentence?

The superstar singer was becoming fed up of always being in the \_\_\_\_\_ and dreamt of a simple life where he wasn't constantly bothered by screaming fans.

limelight



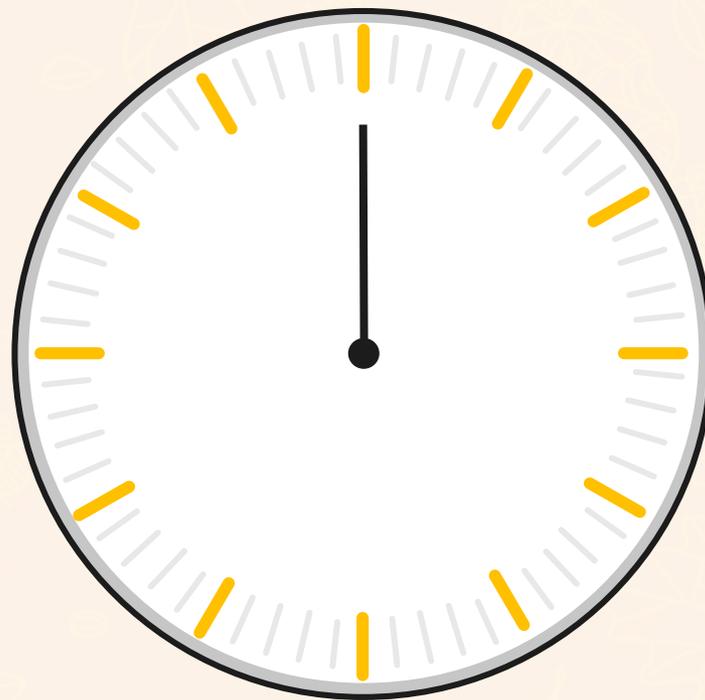
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**Start**

Work with a partner and work out which of the words you think fits best in this sentence?

Due to the terrible  
----- on the  
motorway, the Holdsworth  
family missed their flight  
from the airport.

congestion



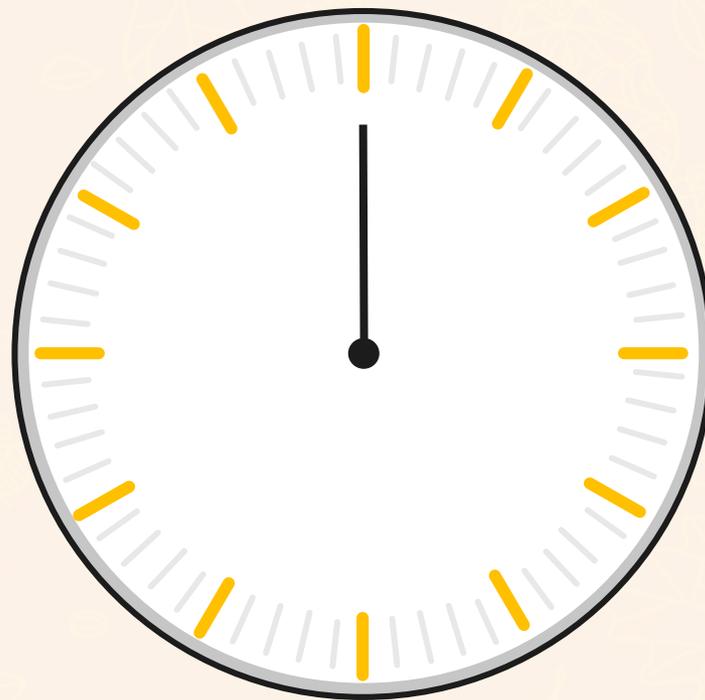
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**Start**

Work with a partner and work out which of the words you think fits best in this sentence?

During the storm, the church steeple was struck by a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ strike.

lightning



How many times can you speed write this word in 1 minute?

**Start**

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Work hard to  
practise these word  
family spellings.



**Week 5**  
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