**Word Study: Word Families**

The children need to have done suffixes, prefixes and compound words before you come to Word Families. It is slightly later work.

**Presentation**

We’re going to do some new work today. We need all three moveable alphabets. Lets have a look at this chart over here. I want you to choose a row of words, and I’ll choose one too.

Lets make our words.

Can I say something? We’re going to make the suffixes in one colour and the prefixes in another. You can choose which colour, for both of us.

Tend – tendency – intend – attend - attendance

Trust - trusting – entrust – mistrustful

I’m going to try and keep all my “tends” one under the other, I just think its better, don’t you think?

Oooh that’s an interesting one!

Lets read these.

Okay, lets have a really good look at them.

Oh you’ve got a suffix in tendency, a prefix in intent, a prefix in attend, and a suffix and a prefix in attendance.

Lets see what I’ve got…

Do we actually know the meaning of all these words?

Hmm entrust…. I suppose that’s when you give trust to somebody. What about… ?

Well, words can be grouped in families. These are actually called **Word Families**. And to have a word family, you need to have a root word, with either a prefix or a suffix or both added on. I’ve got trust and trusting and entrust and mistrustful – and the root word is trust and then there are some other words which have the same root word but then have suffixes or prefixes or both. Does that make sense? Okay, go and find some more.

**Follow-ups**

Exactly the same as the rest of Word Study