

Writing Workshop

How to support at home

In your pack:

- ▶ A copy of this powerpoint to refer to
- ▶ A powerpoint of vocabulary games you can play at home
- ▶ List of the spelling words your children are expected to know
- ▶ Example of handwriting as we teach it
- ▶ A glossary of the terminology expected up to year 6

Vocabulary Games

- ▶ Why are they important?
- ▶ How can they help?
- ▶ Example games

Don't say it!

The word means the same as to surrender or give up.

Ancient societies sometimes offered these to their gods.

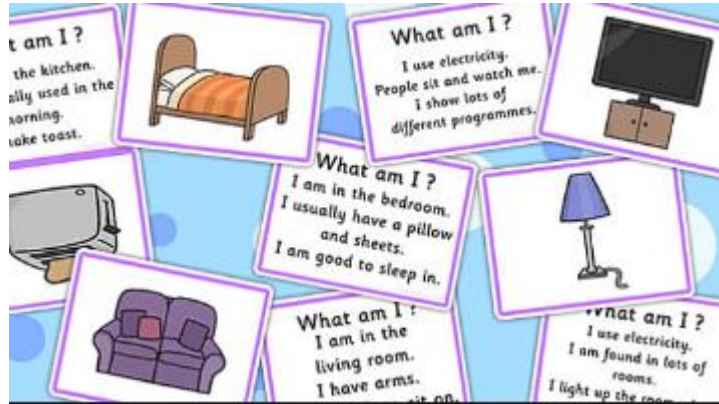
It can be used as a noun or as a verb.

The root meaning in the word means 'holy'.

sacrifice



Don't say it! - KS1 Version



Get your family to guess what picture is on the card by describing it.



Hot potato

Choose a word, discussing its word class and meaning. Pass a beanbag around the classroom from pupil to pupil. Pupils have 5 seconds from when they catch the beanbag to suggest a synonym for the previous word. At any point the teacher can shout 'All change' and change the word that pupils are considering. Make it more or less challenging by selecting ambitious language or shortening/lengthening the time pupils have to respond. This can also be played in small groups.



Hot potato - KS1 Version

We would play that game too but probably wouldn't use the term synonym.

What words mean the same as...

nice, said, small, big, unkind



Word association

Word: disappear (verb)

Synonyms

vanish, fade, flee,
dissipate, depart

Antonyms

appear, reappear,
visible, survive

Other connected language

magician, extinct,
theft, exist



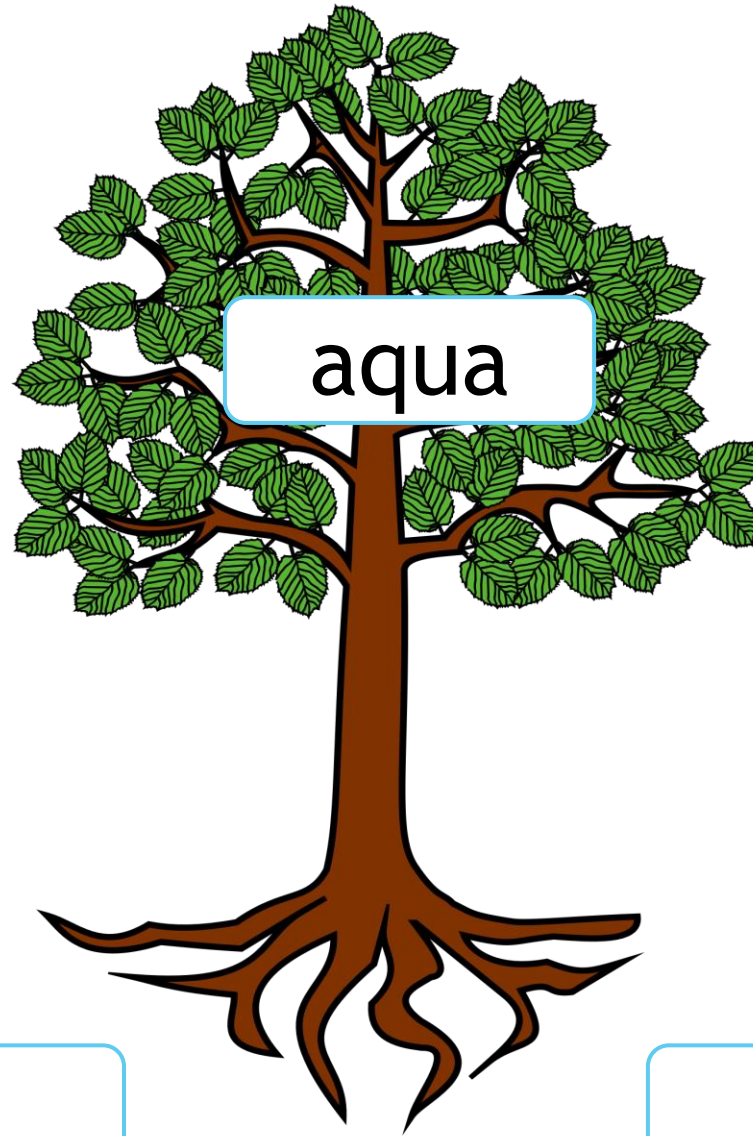
Word association - KS1 version

Word: big		
What word means the same	What is the opposite of	Other connected language
Large, enormous, tall, gigantic, huge, vast	Small, little, tiny, short	Elephant, size, the world



At the root of it

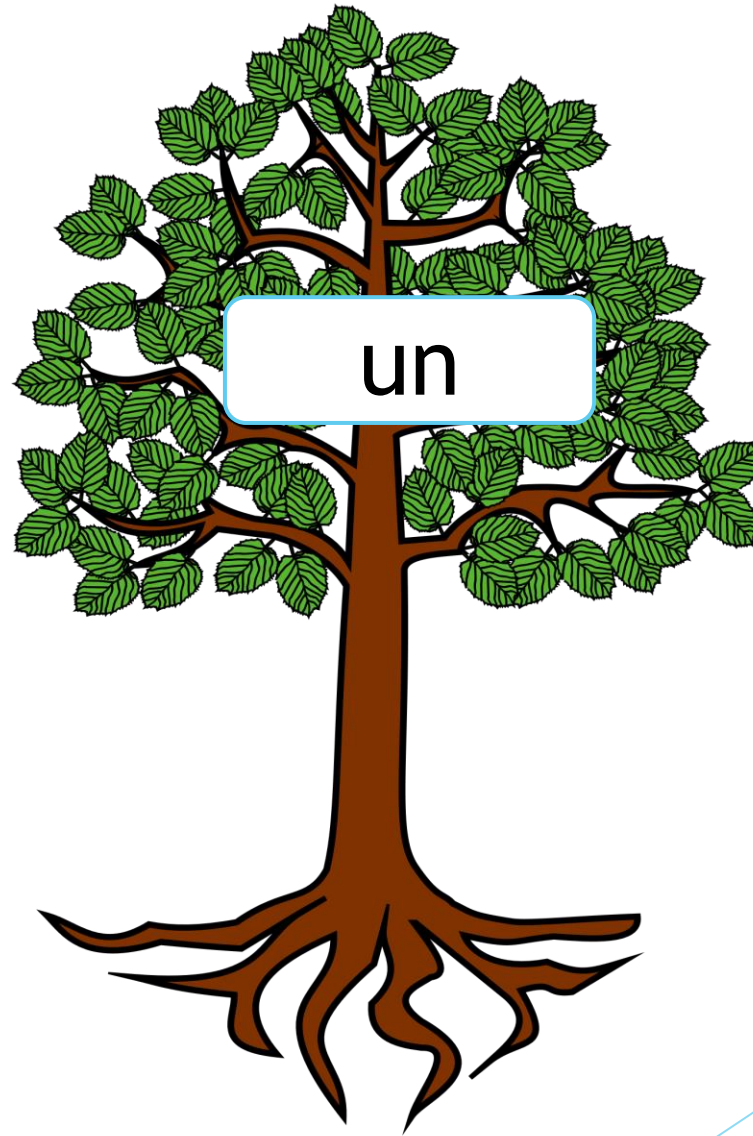
The root
'aqua' means
water. How
does this
relate to the
overall word
meaning of
'aquamarine'?



At the root of it

KS1 Version

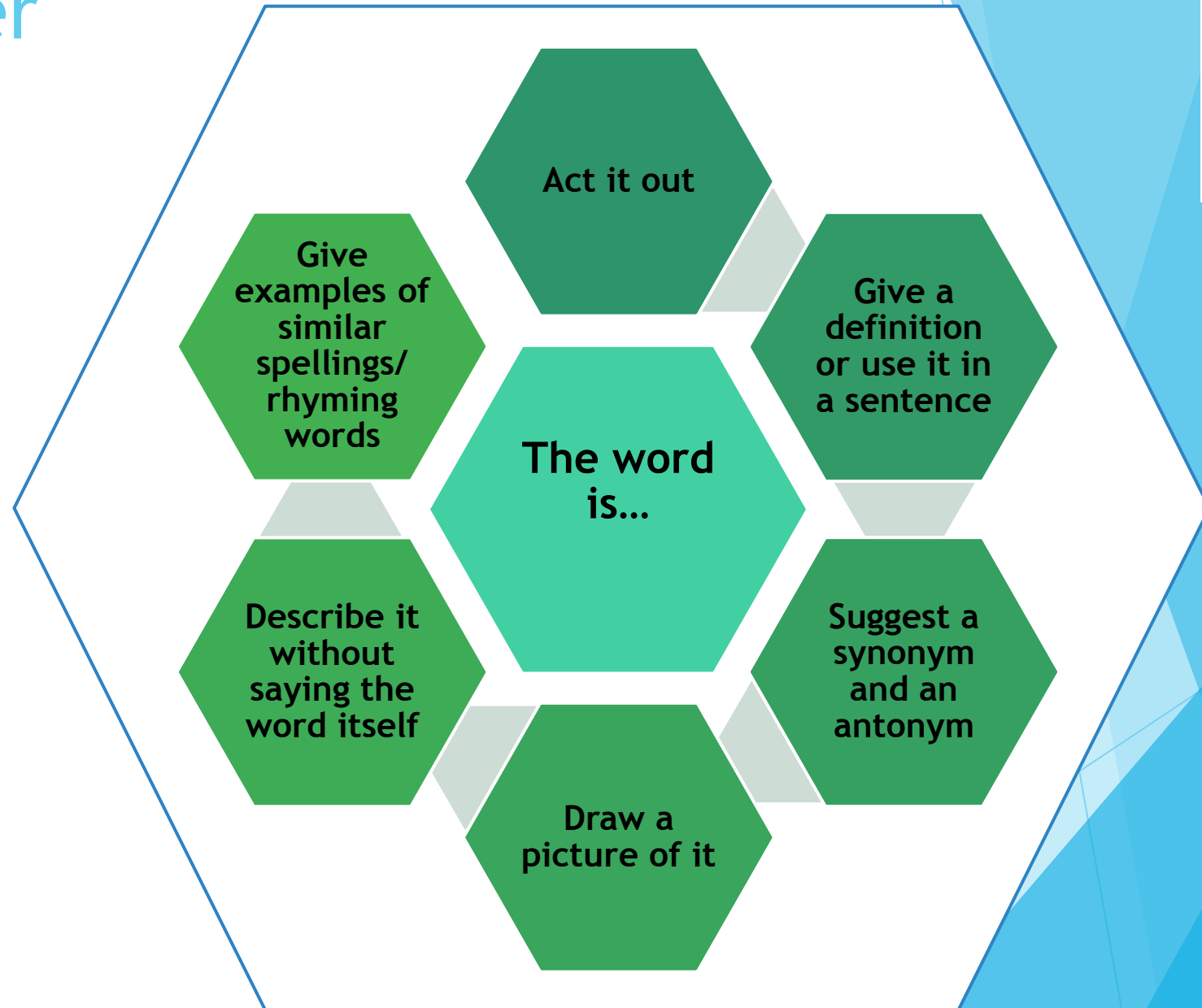
If the word
unkind means
the opposite
of kind, what
does unzip
mean?



The Word Spinner

Choose a word and spin the spinner:

exaggerate
amateur
descendant
vague



Dictionary Definitions - KS1 Friendly

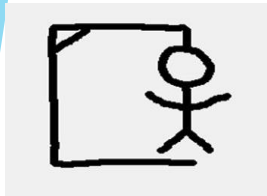
- ▶ Pretend to read a dictionary definition out.
- ▶ I'm looking at a word with the 'igh' trigraph.
- ▶ "This is a time of the day. It is dark at this time. I go to bed at this time of day."

Spelling

- ▶ List of expected words
- ▶ Here's some examples of how to practise at home

Ideas for practising spelling homework

Here are ideas to help you make spelling practise fun...

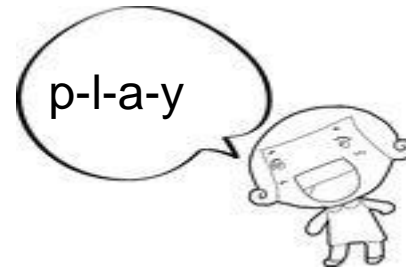


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Play hangman



Write in the steamy door on the shower.



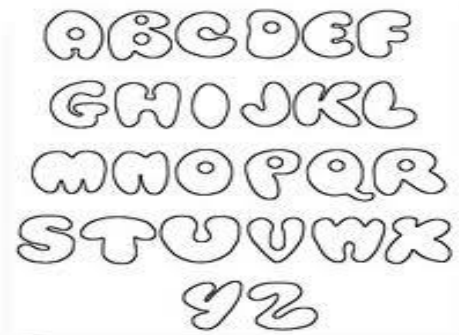
Spell the words out loud.



In the bath with foam letters.



Create the words using magnetic letters. Perhaps on the fridge.



Write the spellings using bubble writing.



Make the spellings from spaghetti!!!
Messy but fun!!

tish → *this*

tpo → *top*

layp → *play*

Anagrams. Mix up the letters in the spelling.

Handwriting

- ▶ Starting points
- ▶ Correct direction
- ▶ Size
- ▶ Angle

- ▶ Joining

Terminology

- ▶ Expectations were raised considerably in new curriculum
- ▶ Children expected to know the terms, be able to use them in isolation and in their writing.
- ▶ English glossary to understand all the terms

Ways to practise

Any opportunities to write:

- ▶ Write a short review of a tv show, film, game
- ▶ Short paragraph about what they have done/seen that day
- ▶ Description of place/person
- ▶ Writing cards, thank you letters etc
- ▶ Helping with a shopping list or general list writing