The Word Bag Game - <note> Word Family

In this game, you'll discover which words belong in the <note> family.
Words in a morphological family are connected by both meaning and structure!

What You'll Need:

- A bag filled with word cards (already cut out)
- A Word Family "House" (drawn, printed, hula-hoop, rubber band can all be used)
- Flat surface to place word cards in the house and/or outside
- Your Word-Noticing Notebook
- Pencil or colored pens

Directions:

- One student a time picks a word card out of the word bag.
- If the student cannot read the word, provide it. Ask, "What does the word mean?
- Allow student to use the word in a sentence, act it out, or illustrate the meaning. Provide the meaning if necessary.
- *SPELL IT OUT*! : Spell-out-loud the structure of the word (When you practice spelling-out-loud, you spell out loud naming graphemes).
- Ask: Does this word share a meaning and a structure with <note>?
- If YES, place the word card in the Word Family "house".
- If NO, place it outside the "house".
- After sorting the word cards, students can build a word web illustrating all of the words in the family. Box the base and underline the affix(es) in each word.
- File the word web in your Word-Noticing Notebook.

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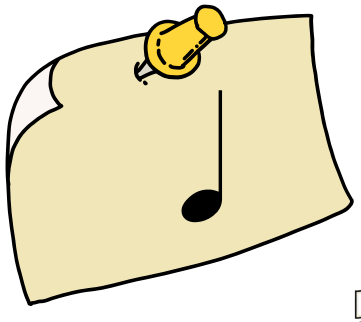

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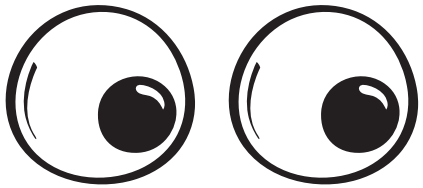

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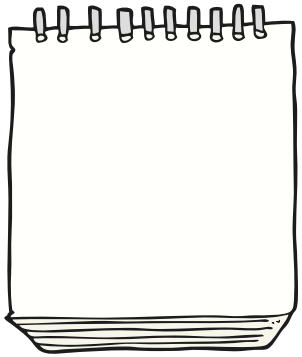

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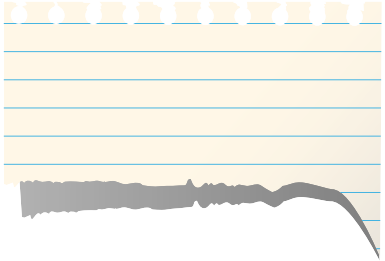

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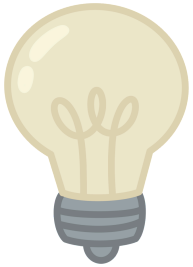

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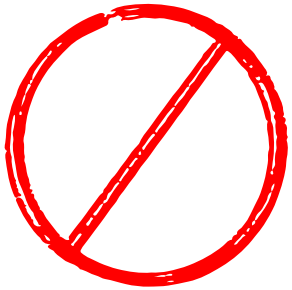

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The Family

- Write the base in the center box. Circle the graphemes that build the base.
- Write the denotation below the base (the core sense and meaning the word holds!)
- Create a word web to illustrate all of the words in that share a meaning and a structure to the base.
- Box the base in each word. Underline the affix(es)

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The Structure

*R*ead the word list below.

All of the words share a similar pattern to <note> : o _ e

note	vote	quote	wrote
bone	cone	tone	stone
hope	pope	rope	slope
joke	yoke	poke	spoke
mode	rode	code	ode

a sad note a fun joke the slope

He wrote a sad note.

She made a fun joke.

We rode up the slope.

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📜 The Story

The word "note" has been around for a long time—over 800 years!
It started as a verb around the year 1200. Back then, to note something meant to notice it or mark it carefully. It came from the Latin word ***notare,*** which means “to mark” or “to make a note.” That Latin word came from ***nota,*** which meant “a mark or sign.”

Soon after, people started using "note" as a noun, too. By the 1300s, a note could mean:

- a musical sound or tone,
- a sign or symbol, or
- something written down to help remember something.

Over time, note *picked up* many meanings:

- a short piece of writing (like a message),
- a sign in music,
- something to help you remember,
- even something that shows someone’s fame or importance!

But no matter how it's used, the word note always connects back to the sense and meaning of “mark”. That’s what keeps all the <note> words in the same word family!

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