

Discover word families

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. Write each word in the other four languages, copying carefully from the board.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Six				
Seven				
Eight				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Two of the words are closer to each other than the rest. Write which two, and the letters they have in common.

Six (English) · **Sé** (Irish) · **six** (French) · **sechs** (German) · **seis** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Seven (English) · **Seacht** (Irish) · **sept** (French) · **sieben** (German) · **siete** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Eight (English) · **Ocht** (Irish) · **huit** (French) · **acht** (German) · **ocho** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

- 3 WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:** Tick the ones that feel true. Write one more of your own on the last line.

- ☐ Group languages into families by comparing number words
- ☐ Use close-cousin number pairs to sketch a family tree, not only to spot a match
- ☐ Talk about borrowing between neighbours without ranking languages
- ☐ _____