The Extended Family of "One"

by The High Frequency Word Project







Thank you for your interest in The High Frequency Word Project!

The following pages will teach you about the spelling and history of the word **one**, as well as other words that share historical meaning and spelling connections. Through these two lenses, we can more fully explain the unexpected spelling of words like **one**, **once**, and **only**, and we can expand vocabulary and usage by learning about the connections to **someone**, **anyone**, **alone**, and **lonely**.

On the next four pages, you'll find excerpts from *The High Frequency Word Project, 2nd edition* book. Each page provides the information needed to teach a lesson through our *Anchor, Analyze, Practice* teaching routine.

Anchor the Meaning	Show and Use the Word Tell the Tale Find the Family - Connect to the Cousins
Analyze the Word	Determine the Structure Identify the Graphemes Look into the Letters
Practice the Word	Spell the Word Read and Write the Word Find Connections with Other Words

Student Worksheets

The pages with **one** and **only**, along with the review pages, can be found in our student Study Booklet #5, which were originally created as downloadable pdfs to provide teachers with an easy format they can use for student practice. "The Meaning Game" found on those pages is a way to help students focus on identifying meaningful connections between words. Mix up a selection of the "Find the Family" close relatives and "Connect to the Cousins" more distant relatives, then add in a "Foil" or two so that students practice identifying meaning and spelling connections, and recognizing which words do not belong.

The pages with **once** can be found in Study Booklet #6. This booklet contains four pages for each word that include practice with sentences and connected text, alongside the phonics.

Be sure to check out the answer keys at the very end to help build your own understanding of how these words are related.

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one

Sample Sentences

Which one do you want? You got it in one! (the answer) The buses came *one* after another. Well done, one and all.

Sample Phrases

one by one one after another the **one** go one better

Tell the Tale



Old English an

The word one comes from Old English. It was spelled an, just like our word an, which also means 'one,' like 'an apple.' The word one was pronounced /oun/, like it still is in the words alone and only. Over time, the pronunciation of the /ou/ phoneme at the beginning of the word shifted towards /w/. They're very close. Try saying /oʊ/ and feel what your lips do. Feel how they're rounded at the start? Now try pronouncing /w/. See how your lips are also rounded? Now we can see why the pronunciation changed, but we kept the spelling as it was to show the meaning connections with its related words.

The word lone is related to the word one because of a misunderstanding. Find out more about this story in the Additional Notes section at the end of the word entries.

Find the Family



someone one ones anyone alone

Connect to the Cousins M

lone



only once Foils (unrelated words)

online

Look into the Letters 🔎



IPA /wʌn/



We learned that the <o> in one used to be pronounced as a long <o>, but now it's more like a short <u> with a /w/ sound first. It is rare in words that we have a phoneme that is not written with a grapheme, but this is one of those words. We know the spelling of one is kept to show the links with other words with a sense of 'oneness'.

Of course we have a homophone won, which is the past tense for win, and we do have the <w> when we write this word. The different spellings help us to be clear about the different meanings of won and one.

Sample Sentences

My mom was once a famous basketball player. **Once**, long ago, people mainly lived in the countryside. They get dinner delivered once a week. Once they had eaten, they were allowed outside to play.

Sample Phrases

once upon a time every once in a while once and for all once bitten, twice shy



Old English ænes

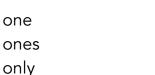
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For a while, about 100 years ago, the word oncer was popular. It meant someone who does a specific thing only once. Have you ever been a oncer?

Find the Family once



Connect to the Cousins M



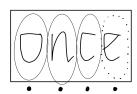
Foils (unrelated words)

concert unconcerned

Look into the Letters



IPA /wəns/



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Sample Sentences

There are only two days until the weekend. He is an **only** child. We would be **only** too happy to have a longer play time. We survived the hike, but only just!

Sample Phrases

only just if only the one and only only too likely (very)



Old English anlic, ænlic

The word only is a cousin of the word one. In Old English, it was formed from two word parts meaning 'one-like'. It shares the historical root an with the word one, and the <-lic> meaning 'like' has become an <-ly> suffix. We also see the Old English <-lic> in the word like, and it is hidden in the history of the word which.

You might think, given its history, we can show the structure of only as one + ly, but when the suffix starts with a consonant it does not typically replace the final, non-syllabic <e>. So we have to consider only as a base in Present Day English.

Find the	Family
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Connect to the Cousins 1 one alone Ionely once

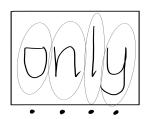
Foils (unrelated words)

commonly

Look into the Letters



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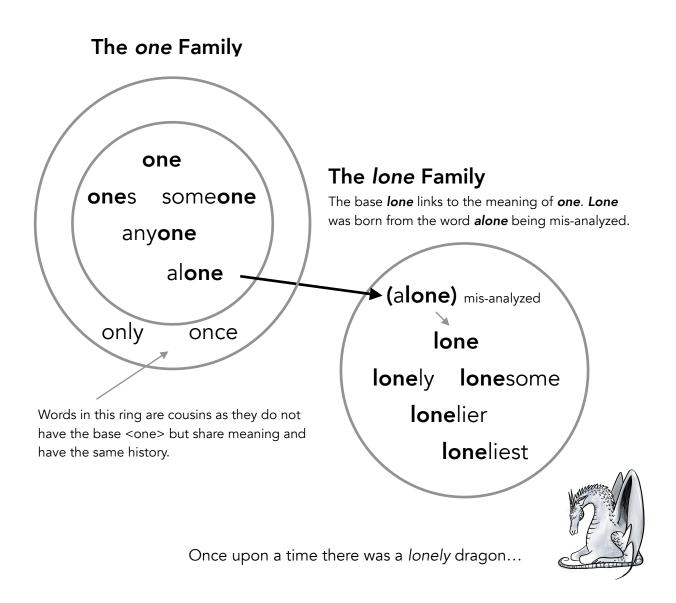
The word only has two syllables, so we expect two vowel graphemes. The <o> and <y> are the vowel graphemes, and we stress the first syllable of the word.

The words one, alone, and lone

There is a close connection between the words *one* and *lone* even though they don't share a base.

The word *alone* is a compound of the words *all* and *one*. Many words use a shortened form of *all* spelled <al-> as in *always* and *also*. The word *alone* literally means 'all one.' When you are by yourself, you are just one person.

In Old English people left a space between the two words, but by the 1400s it was written as one word, *alone*. In some sentences when the word was unstressed, it was simply shortened to *lone*. People may have thought the <a> was a prefix like the one used in the words *asleep* and *awake*. The <al> in *alone* was split in half, creating a new base <lone> with the same meaning as *alone*. In time, people added suffixes to make new words like *lonely* and *lonesome*.



Student Worksheets



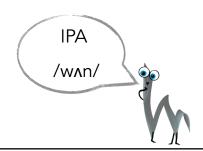
What does this word mean? Can you use it in a sentence?



Box the base.

Circle the graphemes.

Tap-spell the word.



Tell the Tale



Old English an

The word **one** comes from Old English. It was spelled *an*, just like our word **an**, which also means 'one' like 'an apple.' The word **one** was pronounced /oʊn/ like it still is in the words *alone* and *only*. Over time, the pronunciation of the /oʊ/ phoneme at the beginning of the word shifted towards

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Look on the review page to find out more about the words *once* and *lone* and how they are linked to the word *one*.

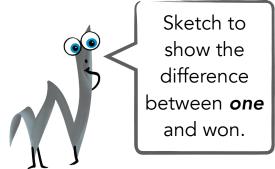
one

Look into the letters



We learned that the <o> in **one** used to be pronounced as a 'long o' but now it's more like a 'short u' with a /w/ sound first. It is rare in words that we have a phoneme that is not written with a grapheme but this is one of those words. We know the spelling of **one** is retained to show the links with other words with a sense of 'oneness'.

Of course we have a homophone **won**, which is the past tense for *win*, and we do have the <w> when we write this word. The different spellings help us to be clear about the different meanings of **won** and **one**.



one

won

one

Box the base.

Circle the graphemes.

Tap-spell the word.



Play the Meaning Game

one online only

alone once ones

one	 	

Let's check! Write and spell this word with your eyes closed.

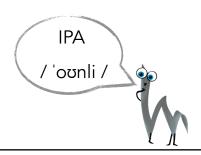
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You might think, given its history, we can show the structure of **only** as 'one + ly' but when the suffix starts with a consonant it does not typically replace the final, non-syllabic (silent) <e>. So we have to consider **only** as a base in Present Day English.

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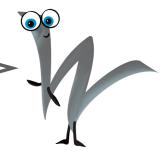
Look into the Letters



The word **only** has two syllables, so we expect two vowel graphemes. The <o> and <y> are the vowel graphemes, and we stress the first syllable of the word.

only

Circle the vowel graphemes in *only*.



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Box the base.

Circle the graphemes.

Tap-spell the word.



Play the Meaning Game



only alone commonly

one lonely once

only

Let's check! Write and spell this word with your eyes closed.

The family of 'one'

The word *once* means 'one time only' or 'one time in the past'. In Old English this word was built from the word for *one* plus an <-es> suffix and spelled *anes*. It was pronounced as two syllables then, but over time it shifted to become a one-syllable word. To keep the /s/ phoneme, it was respelled with <ce>, which also keeps us from confusing it with *ones*, as in 'the purple *ones*.'

The word *alone* is a compound of the words *all* and *one*. Many words use a shortened form of *all* spelled <al> as in *always* and *also*. The word *alone* literally means 'all one.' When you are by yourself you are just one person.

In Old English people left a space between the two words, but by the 1400s it was written as one word. In some sentences when the word was unstressed, it was shortened to simply *lone*. In time, people added a suffix to make the adjective *lonely*. In these words, the 'al' is split in half, creating a new base <lone> with the same meaning as *alone*.

one lone alone lonely



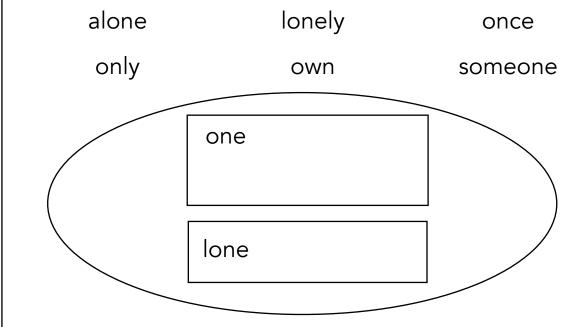
Once upon a time there was a lonely dragon...

The Meaning Game: 'one'

Write any words that share a base and a sense of 'one' together in the appropriate box.

Write any words that share the meaning 'one' but that have a different base in the oval, outside of the boxes.

One word does not share the meaning 'one'; cross it out.



Let's review!

How well do you know the words you have been learning to read and spell? Look back through your book if you need to, but try to remember first.

Read the words.

Box the base and circle the graphemes.

Tap-spell the words.



once

one

only

Match	the	re	lated	word	sk
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Draw lines to link each word to its Old English root. Choose a different color for each word.

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Practice writing the words. Spell out-loud as you write. Can you spewithout looking at the word first? Put a * next to any words you wrote using the pathways.	

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С	n	0	n		е	а	0
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The hidder	n word is: _						
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		one		only		once	
Test your					the review w	vords as you	can. Give

Let's review!

Write each word as your teacher says it. If you can't remember how to spell the word then write the letters you can remember and put a * to show you are still practicing this one. That's ok - more practice will help you remember and now you know which words you have to work on.

Tell the Tale

Underline the key information in the tale.					
The word once means 'one time only' or 'one time in the past'. The word once is a cousin of the words one and only. In Old English, this word was built from the word for one plus an <-es> suffix and spelled ænes. It was pronounced as two syllables then, but over time it shifted to become a one-syllable word. To keep the /s/ phoneme, it was respelled with <c.e>, which also keeps us from confusing it with ones, as in 'the purple ones.' For a while, about 100 years ago, the word oncer was popular. It meant someone who does a</c.e>					
specific thing only once . F	lave you ever been a <i>oncer</i> ?				
List the key points in the tale.					
Find the Family - C	Connect to the Cousins				
-	liate family members and cousins. Cross o	ut the foils. Spell carefully.			
once	Immediate Family	Cousins 1111			
concert		A A A			
one					
only					
unconcerned					
ones					

Old English ænes

Analyze the Word

Box the base and underline any affixes.



Circle or dot below each grapheme in the base.

Spell the word

Look in	to the	Letters
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IPA /wens/

Underline the key information about how the letters function in this word.

The word **once** has four phonemes but they don't all match to the four graphemes. The <o> in **once** is pronounced like a short <u> with a /w/ sound before it. It is rare in words that we have a phoneme that is not written with a grapheme; one and **once** are two of those words. The final /s/ phoneme is written with a <c>. The marker <e> marks the pronunciation of <c> as /s/ not /k/.

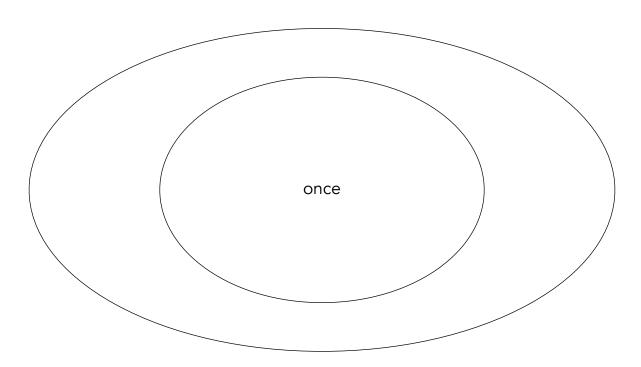
Practice
Write this word, spelling out-loud as you write. Spell carefully. Use any extra lines to write a little story that starts with "Once upon a time" or "There was once"

Phrases and Sentences
'once and for all' means
Use this phrase in a sentence.
Write 2 sentences using this word and related words. Spell carefully. Circle the target words.

Circles of Relatives

Fill in the circles with immediate family and cousins of 'once'. Cross out any foils.

one someone ones concert only anyone



Fill in the Missing Words Read this passage and use words from the <once> family to fill in the gaps. Here are the missing words: Once in a while, once upon a time, once again, at once. _____, in a faraway land, there lived a gentle giant," began the storyteller. The children listened carefully, and the giant appeared in the story ______ to save the village. The teacher reminded them that reading fairy tales is fun every _____, even when you are older. When the bell rang, the students packed their bags and left the classroom Making Grapheme and Phoneme Connections <c> spells /s/ before <e, i, y>. Circle or dot the grapheme following the <c> Read these words and the tongue twister. cycle cyclone cider cents cereal circle cymbal city citrus cement The silly cyclist once circled the city, sipping citrus cider, while the cyclone sent cents, cereal, cymbals, and scented cement sailing in circles! **Practice** Write this word, spelling out-loud as you write. Spell carefully. Let's Check Write this word with your eyes closed, spelling out-loud as you write.

word: One	
What does it mean? sketch, phrase, and/or translanguage	What is the story?
What is the structure?	
What are some morphological relatives? shared base - same immediate family **\frac{1}{1}*\	What are some etymological relatives? different base but shared distant relatives
Make a connection with other words and exchoose a grammar connection, a meaning connection, a g	•
Write a sentence using this word.	
Practice, Practice! Check when you can:	Read it in a text
Use it in a sentence orally	Write it accurately
Orally spell it out to show the graphemes	Explain the spelling

word: only What does it mean? What is the story? sketch, phrase, and/or translanguage What is the structure? How do the letters function? analyze and annotate: morphemes, graphemes, phonemes What are some morphological relatives? What are some etymological relatives? shared base - same immediate family ** †** different base but shared distant relatives Make a connection with other words and explain it. choose a grammar connection, a meaning connection, a graphemic or phonemic connection

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Answer Keys

one only

Sample Sentences

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Sample Sentences:

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Play the Meaning Game

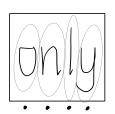
one ones alone only once online

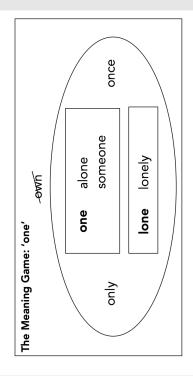
Play the Meaning Game

only

one alone lonely once commonly







once

Sample Sentences

My mom was *once* a famous basketball player.

Once, long ago, people mainly lived in the countryside. They get dinner delivered **once** a week.

Once they had eaten, they were allowed outside to play.

Sample Phrases

once upon a time
every once in a while
once and for all

once bitten, twice shy

Analyze the Word



Find the Family - Connect to the Cousin

Immediate Family 👬	Cousins Think	Foils (unrelated words)
once	one	concert
	ones	unconcerned
	only	

Phrases and Sentences using the word

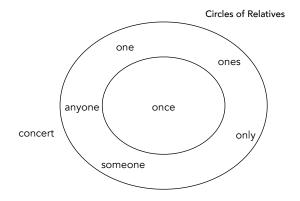
'...once and for all' means completely and finally. She cleaned her room once and for all, so her parents wouldn't ask again.

Making Grapheme and Phoneme Connections

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cents cereal cement	circle city cider citrus	cycle cymbal cyclone

Fill in the Missing Words

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once	W W	once
one	W W	one
only	W W	only
alone	W W	alone