



Stay

Stay can have many meanings in the books and stories we read. A young hero may *stay* the course and reach his or her goal through persistence. Or characters might *stay* in exciting new locations on vacation or on an adventure. *Stay* can be used as both a noun and a verb.

When a young hero *stays* the course to reach a challenging goal, *stay* is used as a verb. It means that the young hero is continuing on his mission to reach his challenging goal.

If characters are remaining in an exciting new location, *stay* is being used as a noun. For example, “we intend to stay in the Amazon for two months.”

On the other hand, if the word *stay* implies a location of a temporary place of residence, *stay* is being used as verb. “While we are in the Amazon we stay with family.”

Follow-Up

- How is being asked to stay in one place different than staying at home?
- How is continuing in a place or situation different than enduring the same place or situation?
- Is *stay* being used in the same way when discussing a vacation location and your home?

The Spanish Connection

The word *stay* comes from the Old French word *estais*. The Spanish word for *stay* is *quedarse*. Although *stay* and *quedarse* are not cognates, *stay* has many synonyms that are. For example, the verb *to reside* and *residir* or the verb *to persist* and *persistir*.

Word Changes

There are many subtle differences in the how the word *stay* is used that may be confusing to students. Three general themes categorize the differences in definitions that may be noticed: stopping movements/actions, remaining/continuing, and living/residing. In each theme the word *stay* can be used as a verb and a noun.



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Stay as in the action of stopping or being stopped (noun)

- stop
- halt
- pause
- break
- arrest
- interrupt
- stand
- delay
- stoppage
- check

Stay as a place of sojourn or fixed place of residence (noun)

- holiday
- stopover
- journey
- vacation
- sojourn
- residence
- room (as in room and board)

Stay as in to remain in a certain state or place (noun)

- remain
- rest
- abide
- biding
- linger
- loiter
- tarry
- wait

Stay as in to stop the movement of (verb)

- check
- stop
- pause
- break

Stay as in to continue or remain in a place or situation (verb)

- remain
- continue
- stick
- bide
- abide

Stay as in to live in a place (verb)

- lodge
- live
- reside
- dwell

Stay as in to stop doing something to go do something else (verb)

- leave
- cease
- stop
- discontinue
- end
- postpone
- defer
- delay
- halt
- suspend

Stay as in to endure (verb)

- persist
- endure
- stick
- continue

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COMMON PHRASES

- Stay the course
- Staying power
- Please stay
- Stay away
- Stay here
- How was your stay?
- Where do you stay?
- Staycation

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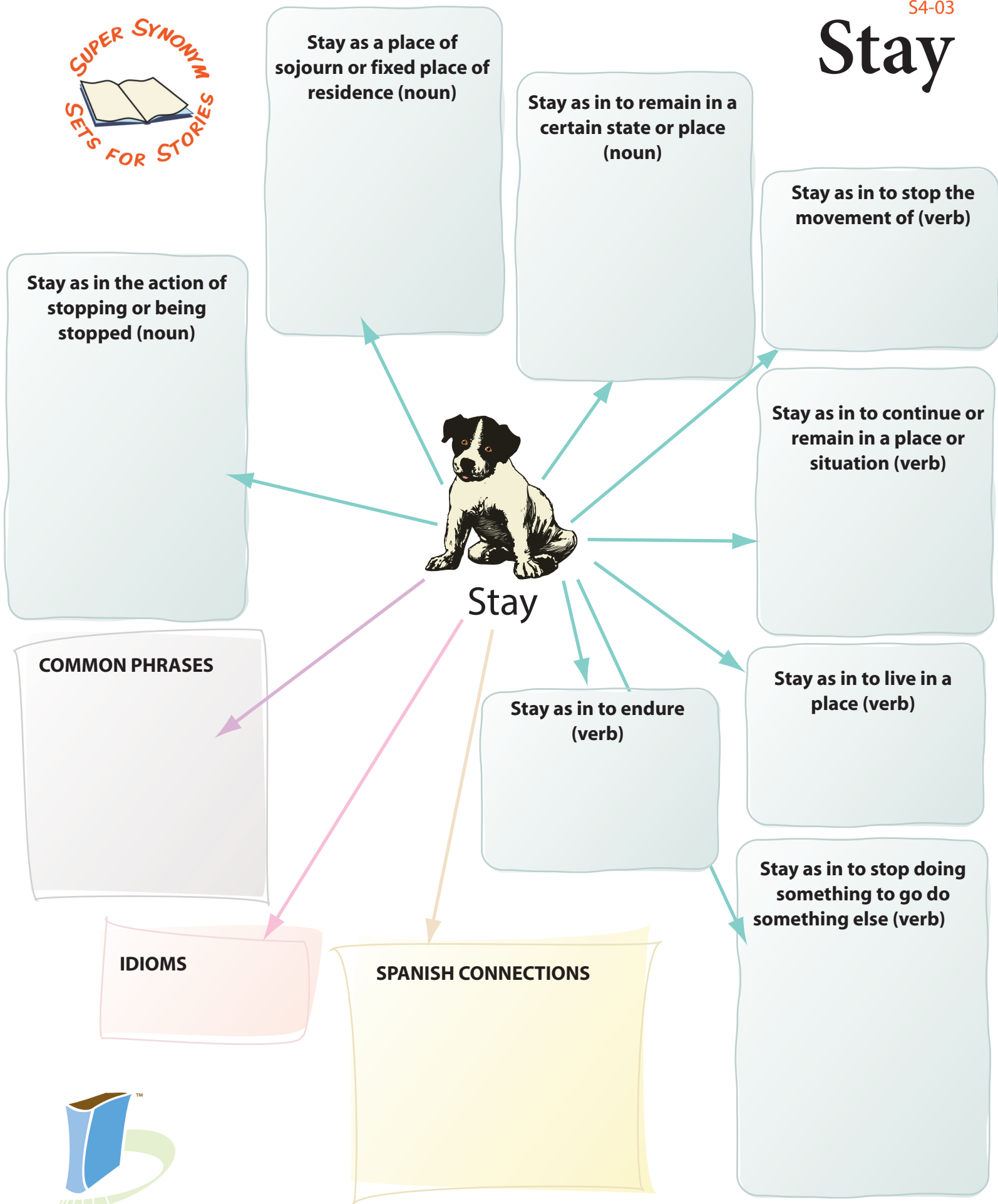
- Ride it out

SPANISH CONNECTIONS

- pause / pausa
- vacation / las vacaciones
- to cease / cesar
- to interrupt / interrumpir
- to reside / residir
- to persist / persistir
- to continue / continuar



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Inflected Endings

- stays
- stayed
- staying

Irregular Spelling

- staid

Compound Words

- long stay
- short stay
- stay at home dad/mom
- staying power
- stay put

Morphological
Family for
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