



Word Families Worksheets

Build new words by changing beginning sounds • Ages 4–6

For Parents

- A word family shares the same ending sound and spelling.
- Start by reading the base ending, then add beginning sounds.
- Have your child blend the sounds: "c" + "-at" = "cat".
- Practice one word family at a time before mixing.
- Encourage your child to think of more words that fit each family.

Word Family: -at

Build a word

c + -at = cat

bat	cat	fat	hat	mat	pat	rat	sat
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -at	___ -at	___ -at	___ -at
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Word Family: -an

Build a word

f + -an = fan

ban	can	dan	fan	man	pan	ran	van
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -an	___ -an	___ -an	___ -an
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Word Family: -ig

Build a word

b + -ig = big

big	dig	fig	jig	pig	rig	wig	zig
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -ig	___ -ig	___ -ig	___ -ig
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Word Family: -op

Build a word

h + -op = hop

bop	cop	hop	mop	pop	top	chop	drop
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

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Word Family: -ug

Build a word

b + -ug = bug

bug	dug	hug	jug	mug	pug	rug	tug
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -ug	___ -ug	___ -ug	___ -ug
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Word Family: -en

Build a word

h + -en = hen

ben	den	hen	ken	men	pen	ten	yen
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -en	___ -en	___ -en	___ -en
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Word Family: -ip

Build a word

d + -ip = dip

dip	hip	lip	nip	rip	sip	tip	zip
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

___ -ip	___ -ip	___ -ip	___ -ip
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Word Family: -ot

Build a word

h + -ot = hot

cot	dot	got	hot	jot	lot	not	pot
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Add a beginning sound to make each word:

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