

WORD FAMILIES FOR BEGINNERS



Free Printable Phonics Worksheets

Read • Build • Sort • Write • Read Again

Name: _____

Date: _____

Worksheet 1 — Meet the **-at** Family

• Read the Words

cat • hat • mat • rat • sat • bat

• Say each word slowly.

What part stays the same?

-at

• Build the Words

Add the beginning letter.

c + at = cat

h + at = _____

m + at = _____

r + at = _____

s + at = _____

b + at = _____

• Circle the **-at** Words

cat pig hat sun mat dog rat bed

• Read the Sentences

The cat sat.



The cat is on the mat.

Dad has a hat.

Draw It!

Draw a cat on a mat.

Worksheet 2 — The **-an** Family

• Read the Words

can • fan • man • pan • ran • van

• Read each word aloud.

• Finish the Words

• Write the missing first letter.

___an → can

___an → fan

___an → man

___an → pan

___an → ran

___an → van

• **Choose the Right Word**

1. Mum has a (pan / pig).

2. The man (ran / rug).

3. Dad has a (van / hen).

4. I (can / dog) hop.

• **Write Two -an Words**

1.

2.

Worksheet 3 — The -ap Family

• **Read the Words**

cap • gap • lap • map • nap • tap

• **Match and Write**

Something you wear on your head: _____

Something that shows you where to go: _____

A short sleep: _____

To touch something lightly: _____

• Complete the Words

c + ap = _____

m + ap = _____

n + ap = _____

t + ap = _____

• Read It

Dad has a map.

The cat can nap.

The cap is on my lap.

• My favourite -ap word is:

Worksheet 4 — Short **A** Word Family Sort

• Sort the Words

• Put each word in the correct family.

cat • man • map • hat • fan • tap • rat • pan • cap • sat • ran •
nap

-at

-an

-ap

• Which One Doesn' t Belong?

• Circle the odd word.

1. cat hat pig mat

2. fan man dog pan

3. map cap sun nap

Worksheet 5 — Short E Word Families

- Read the Words

-et Family

get • jet • net • pet • wet

-en Family

den • hen • men • pen • ten

- Sort the Words

hen • jet • pet • ten • net • pen • wet • den

-et

-en

- Fill in the Missing Letters

p ____ t

w ____ t

h _ _ n

p _ _ n

n _ _ t

t _ _ n

• R e a d  the Sentences

The hen is in the pen.

My pet is wet.

I see ten hens.

Worksheet 6 — Short I Word Families

• Read the Words

-ig

big • dig • fig • pig • wig

-in

bin • fin • pin • tin • win

-it

bit • fit • hit • kit • sit

-ip

dip • hip • lip • rip • sip • tip

• Find the Family

Write -ig, -in, -it, or -ip.

pig → _____ 

sit → _____

fin → _____

tip → _____

big → _____

win → _____

sip → _____

hit → _____

• Read the Sentences

The pig is big.

The pig can dig.

Sit on the mat.

I can win.

Worksheet 7 — Short o Word Families

• Read the Words

-og

dog • fog • hog • jog • log

-op

hop • mop • pop • top

-ot

cot • hot • pot • rot

• Circle the Correct Word

1. The (dog / dig) can jog.
2. The pot is (hot / hit).
3. The frog  can (hop / hip).
4. The fox  is on a (log / leg).

• Write One Word from Each Family

-og: _____

-op: _____

-ot: _____

Worksheet 8 — Short U Word Families

• Read the Words

-ug

bug • hug • jug • mug • rug

-un

bun • fun • run • sun

-ut

cut • hut • nut

-ub

cub • rub • tub

• Complete the Words

b ____ g

r ____ g

s ____ n

r ____ n

h ____ t

n ____ t

c ____ b

t ____ b

• Read the Sentences

A bug is on the rug.

The cub can run.

The sun is hot.

The mug is on the mat.

Worksheet 9 — Which Word Family?

• Sort the Words

cat • pig • dog • sun • hen • map • rug • sit • net • log • fan • hop

• Write each word under its word family.

-at: _____

-ig: _____

-og: _____

-un: _____

-en: _____

-ap: _____

-ug: _____

-it: _____

-et: _____

-an: _____

-op: _____

Worksheet 10 — Find the Odd One Out

• Circle the word that does not belong.

1. cat • hat • mat • pig

2. pig • big • dig • dog

3. sun • run • bun • cat

4. dog • log • fog • hen

5. hen • pen • ten • rug

6. bug • mug • rug • sit

7. hop • mop • top • pig

8. sit • hit • fit • fan

*** Challenge**

Why doesn't the word belong?

Choose one group and explain.

Worksheet 11 — Build a Word

• Change the first sound to make a new word.

-at

c + at = cat 

h + at = _____

m + at = _____

r + at = _____ 

-ig

p + ig = pig 

b + ig = _____

d + ig = _____

w + ig = _____

-og

d + og = dog 

f + og = _____

l + og = _____

h + og = _____

-ug

b + ug = bug

h + ug = _____

m + ug = _____

r + ug = _____

• Circle the word that completes each sentence.

1. The cat is on the (mat / mug).

2. The (pig / pen) can dig.

3. The dog can (jog / jet).

4. The sun is (hot / hat).

5. The hen is in the (pen / pan).

6. A bug is on the (rug / rat).

7. Dad has a (map / mop).

8. The cat can (nap / net).

• Read the Sentences Again

Colour a star each time you read all eight sentences.

☐ First Read

☐ Second Read

☐ Third Read

Worksheet 13 — Read and Draw

Read each sentence carefully.

Then draw what you read.

1.

The cat is on the mat.

Draw it here:

2.

The pig is big.

Draw it here:

3.

A bug is on the rug.

Draw it here:

4.

The dog is on a log.

Draw it here:

Worksheet 14 — Mini Story: The Cat on the Mat

• Read the Story

A cat sat on a mat.

The cat is fat.

A rat ran past.

The cat ran.

The rat ran too.

• Quick Check

1. Where did the cat sit?

A. on a mat

B. on a log

2. What ran past the cat?

A. a pig

B. a rat

3. What did the cat do?

A. ran

B. slept

• Find It!

Find and circle two -at family words in the story.

Draw It!

Draw your favourite part of the story.

Worksheet 15 — Mini Story: The Big Pig

• Read the Story

A pig is big. 

The pig can dig.

The pig is in the mud. 

It can run.

The pig has fun.

Quick Check

1. What animal is in the story?

- A. a pig
- B. a dog

2. What can the pig do?

- A. dig
- B. fly

3. Where is the pig?

- A. in the mud
- B. on a bed

Word Hunt

Find a word from the -ig family.

Worksheet 16 — My Word Family Challenge

How many words can you read?

Read each word and tick it when you can read it by yourself.

Short A

cat

hat

mat

fan

man

pan

cap

map

nap

Short E

pet

net

wet

hen

pen

ten

Short I

big

pig

dig

sit

hit

fit

pin

win

Short O

dog

log

fog

hop

mop

hot

pot

Short U

bug

rug

mug

sun

run

bun

hut

nut

Worksheet 17 — My Favourite Word Family

My favourite word family is:

- _____

Three words in this family are:

1.

2.

3.

Now write a sentence using one of your words.

Draw a picture to match your sentence.

Worksheet 18 — Word Family Reading Certificate

I CAN READ WORD FAMILIES!

This certificate belongs to:

I practised:

short a • short e • short i • short o • short u

I can:

read CVC words

find word families

build new words

read simple sentences

read a mini story

Fantastic Reading!

Date: _____

Soro English

Answer Key

Worksheet 2: pan / ran / van / can

Worksheet 4:

-at: cat, hat, rat, sat

-an: man, fan, pan, ran

-ap: map, tap, cap, nap

Odd one out: pig / dog / sun

Worksheet 5:

-et: jet, pet, net, wet

-en: hen, ten, pen, den

Worksheet 6:

pig -ig / sit -it / fin -in / tip -ip / big -ig / win -in / sip -ip / hit -it

Worksheet 7:

dog / hot / hop / log

Worksheet 10:

pig / dog / cat / hen / rug / sit / pig / fan

Worksheet 12:

mat / pig / jog / hot / pen / rug / map / nap

Worksheet 14:

1. A

2. B

3. A

Worksheet 15:

1. A

2. A

3. A

Soro English

Learn the sounds. Build the words. Read the story.

Free phonics practice for beginning readers.