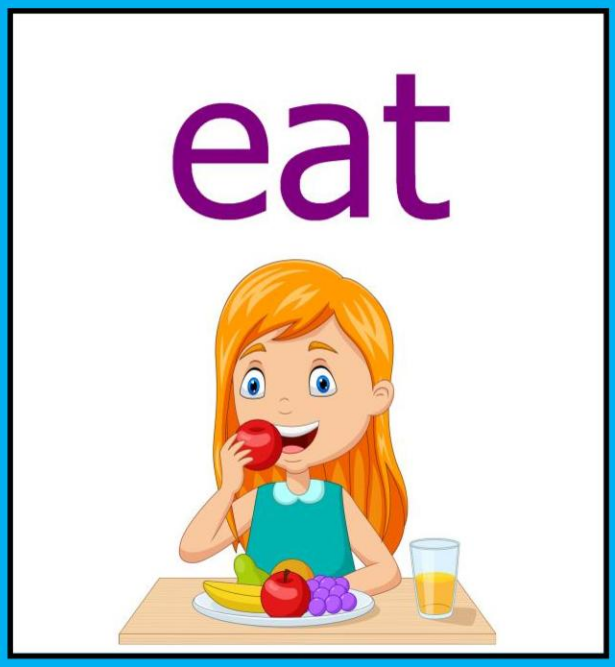
Word Families Chart

Word Families

race	sad	mail	small	jam	van	hand	art
br ace	b ad	f ail	b all	cl am	c an	b and	c art
f ace	br ad	n ail	c all	cr am	f an	bl and	ch art
gr ace	d ad	p ail	f all	gr am	m an	br and	d art
l ace	f ad	r ail	h all	h am	p an	gl and	m art
p ace	gl ad	s ail	m all	r am	pl an	gr and	p art
pl ace	h ad	sn ail	st all	sc am	r an	l and	sm art
sp ace	m ad	t ail	t all	sl am	sc an	s and	st art
tr ace	p ad	tr ail	w all	sw am	t an	st and	t art



h -eat	eat
n -eat	eat
s -eat	eat

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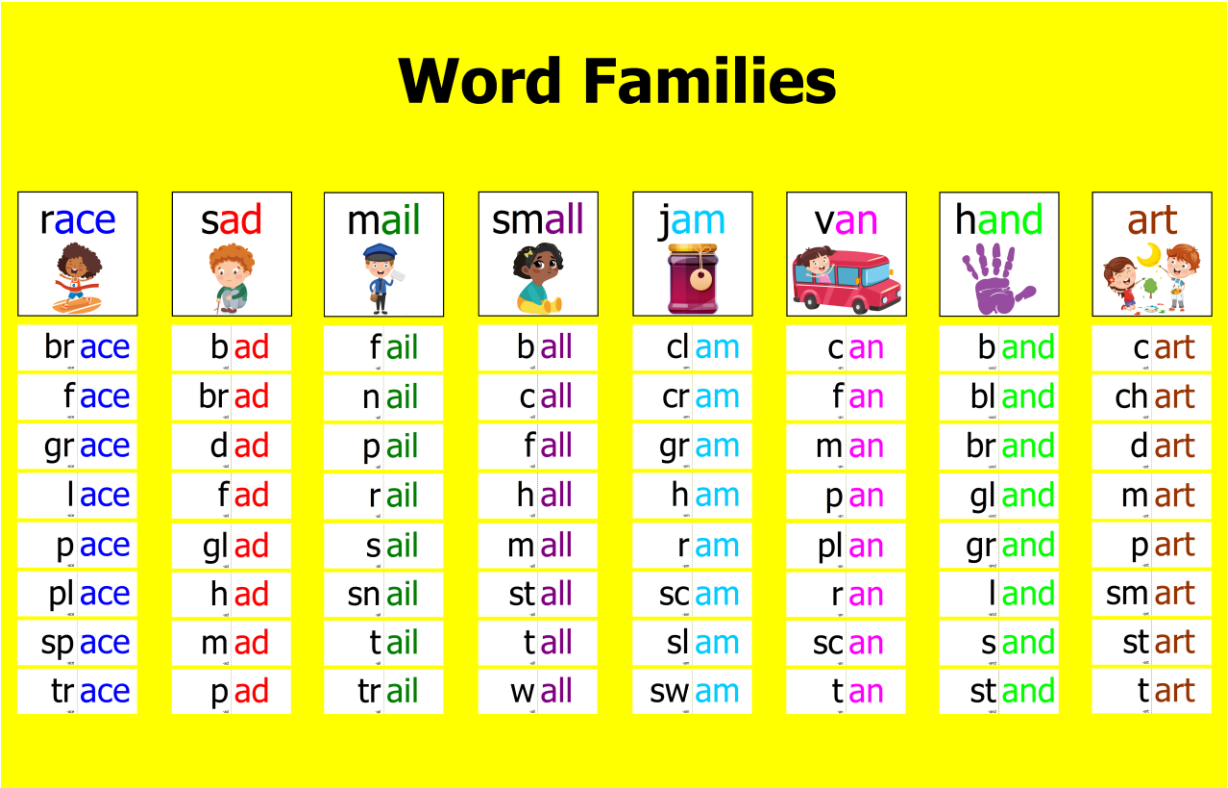
Directions for assembling the "Word Families" chart: Print the heading, word, and letter cards on white cardstock. Please note that some of the cards contain color, so colored ink will need to be available. Laminate the sheets, cut out the chart pieces, and use wall-safe tape to assemble the chart as illustrated. You can use laminated die cut letters to add the "Word Families" title.

As a variation to using wall-safe tape to attach the initial consonants that will be removed and reinserted by students, you might instead attach a StikkiCLIP before the word card to rest the letter cards on. For example, the word *ace* would be taped to the wall, and a clip in front of it would be used to insert the initial letters ***br*** to change the word to ***br****ace*.



Instructions for using the "Word Families" chart: Students discover word families by adding initial consonants, including blends and digraphs, to a series of matching words (e.g., the letters *br*, *f*, *gr*, *l*, *p*, *pl*, *sp*, and *tr* can be added to the word *ace* to form the words *brace*, *face*, *grace*, *lace*, *pace*, *place*, *space*, and *trace*). Although only eight sets of word families are illustrated, there are a total of 22 sets (equaling nearly 200 words) that can be displayed on the wall. The fine print beneath the initial letters identifies the word family it is used for.

Moreover, if you have a spelling word whose rime (the part from the vowel onward) can be used to form word families, you can print the rime (such as the -*arn* of *barn*) and any consonants that can be used as initial sounds of the rime on the blank cards that have been provided.

race

Word family: ace

brace
face
grace
lace
pace
place
race
space
trace

br ace -ace		f ace -ace	
gr ace -ace		l ace -ace	
p ace -ace		pl ace -ace	
sp ace -ace		tr ace -ace	

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sad

Word family: ad

bad
brad
dad
fad
glad
had
mad
pad
sad

b ad -ad		br ad -ad	
d ad -ad		f ad -ad	
gl ad -ad		h ad -ad	
m ad -ad		p ad -ad	

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mail

Word family: ail

fail
mail
nail
pail
rail
sail
snail
tail
trail

f ail -ail		n ail -ail	
p ail -ail		r ail -ail	
s ail -ail		sn ail -ail	
t ail -ail		tr ail -ail	

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small

Word family: all

ball
call
fall
hall
mall
small
stall
tall
wall

b -all	all	c -all	all
f -all	all	h -all	all
m -all	all	st -all	all
t -all	all	w -all	all

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jam

Word family: am

clam
cram
gram
ham
jam
ram
scam
slam
swam

cl am -am		cr am -am	
gr am -am		h am -am	
r am -am		sc am -am	
sl am -am		sw am -am	

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van

Word family: an

can
fan
man
pan
plan
ran
scan
tan
van

c -an	an	f -an	an
m -an	an	p -an	an
pl -an	an	r -an	an
sc -an	an	t -an	an

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hand

Word family: and

band
bland
brand
gland
grand
hand
land
sand
stand

b -and	and	bl -and	and
br -and	and	gl -and	and
gr -and	and	l -and	and
s -and	and	st -and	and

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art

Word family: art

art
cart
chart
dart
mart
part
smart
start
tart

c art -art		ch art -art	
d art -art		m art -art	
p art -art		sm art -art	
st art -art		t art -art	

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trash

Word family: ash

cash
crash
dash
flash
mash
rash
smash
splash
trash

c ash -ash		cr ash -ash	
d ash -ash		fl ash -ash	
m ash -ash		r ash -ash	
sm ash -ash		spl ash -ash	

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cat

Word family: at

bat
cat
chat
flat
hat
mat
rat
sat
that

b at -at		ch at -at	
fl at -at		h at -at	
m at -at		r at -at	
s at -at		th at -at	

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skate

Word family: ate

crate
date
fate
gate
late
plate
rate
skate
state

cr ate -ate		d ate -ate	
f ate -ate		g ate -ate	
l ate -ate		pl ate -ate	
r ate -ate		st ate -ate	

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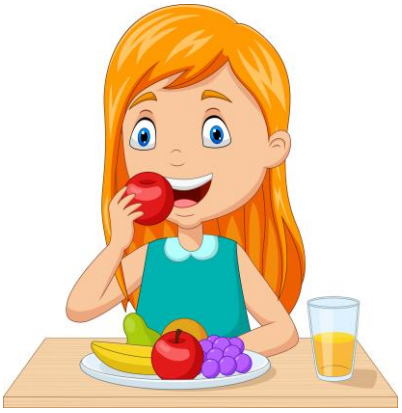
eat



Word family: eat

beat
cheat
cleat
eat
heat
meat
neat
pleat
seat

b -eat	eat	ch -eat	eat
cl -eat	eat	h -eat	eat
m -eat	eat	n -eat	eat
pl -eat	eat	s -eat	eat

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hear

Word family: ear

clear
dear
fear
gear
hear
near
smear
spear
tear

cl ear -ear		d ear -ear	
f ear -ear		g ear -ear	
n ear -ear		sm ear -ear	
sp ear -ear		t ear -ear	

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spend

Word family: end

bend
blend
fend
lend
mend
send
spend
tend
trend

b end -end		bl end -end	
f end -end		l end -end	
m end -end		s end -end	
t end -end		tr end -end	

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mice

Word family: ice

dice
mice
nice
price
rice
slice
spice
splice
twice

d ice -ice		n ice -ice	
pr ice -ice		r ice -ice	
sl ice -ice		sp ice -ice	
spl ice -ice		tw ice -ice	

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hill

Word family: ill

bill
chill
drill
grill
hill
skill
spill
still
will

b ill -ill		ch ill -ill	
dr ill -ill		gr ill -ill	
sk ill -ill		sp ill -ill	
st ill -ill		w ill -ill	

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win

Word family: in

chin
grin
kin
shin
skin
spin
tin
twin
win

ch in -in		gr in -in	
k in -in		sh in -in	
sk in -in		sp in -in	
t in -in		tw in -in	

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stink

Word family: ink

blink
drink
link
mink
pink
rink
sink
stink
wink

bl ink -ink		dr ink -ink	
l ink -ink		m ink -ink	
p ink -ink		r ink -ink	
s ink -ink		w ink -ink	

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knit

Word family: it

bit
fit
kit
knit
pit
quit
sit
skit
wit

b it -it		f it -it	
k it -it		p it -it	
qu it -it		s it -it	
sk it -it		w it -it	

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witch

Word family: itch

ditch
glitch
hitch
pitch
snitch
stitch
switch
twitch
witch

d	itch	gl	itch
-itch		-itch	
h	itch	p	itch
-itch		-itch	
sn	itch	st	itch
-itch		-itch	
sw	itch	tw	itch
-itch		-itch	

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gold

Word family: old

bold
cold
fold
gold
hold
mold
scold
sold
told

b -old	old	c -old	old
f -old	old	h -old	old
m -old	old	sc -old	old
s -old	old	t -old	old

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chore

Word family: ore

chore
core
more
shore
snore
spore
store
tore
wore

c ore -ore		m ore -ore	
sh ore -ore		sn ore -ore	
sp ore -ore		st ore -ore	
t ore -ore		w ore -ore	

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