

Word Family Fun

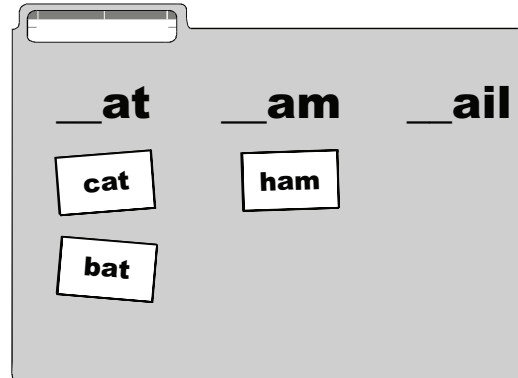
Purpose: Students will know common word families and use their knowledge to help decipher unfamiliar words.

Materials: 10-12 blank file folders, markers, index cards, chalkboard/whiteboard, paper, pencils

Pre-Activity Preparation: Make several word sort games by writing three different word families across the top inside of each file folder. (E.g.: __at, __am, __ail). Use the index cards to make word cards that have a variety of words from the same word families. Store the words in an envelope inside the folder with the same families.

Activity:

1. Model the word-sort game on the board by writing __op, __ot, __og across the top of the board.
2. Have students go to the board and write words below each family.
3. Explain to students that they are going to play the same game with word families and word cards at their desks.
4. Divide students into small groups and give each group a word-sort game.
5. Have students work together to put all their words in a column under the correct word family on the game board.
6. Pass out paper and pencils to students.
7. Tell students to record the word families and words from the game to their papers. Encourage students to add any additional words they can think of.
8. Place the word sort games in a center for students to work on during free time. Put paper and pencils in the center for students to use in recording their work.



☆ Challenge students to work with word families in the computer center by visiting this website: <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/wordfamily/>

You can record an individual student's understanding of this activity by checking the appropriate column for level of mastery and noting the date on which the activity took place.

Student's Name	<u>Developed</u> ***	<u>Developing</u> **	<u>Minimal</u> *	Date

*** Student easily uses common word families to read new words.
 ** Student sometimes uses common word families to read new words.
 * Student does not use common word families to read new words.