



Word Families!

Word families are groups of words that have a common feature or pattern - they have some of the same combinations of letters in them and a similar sound. For example, at, cat, hat, and fat are a family of words with the "at" sound and letter combination in common. **Word Families** are sometimes referred to as groups, chunks or rhymes. A word family has something in common with each other, have it be the prefix, suffix or root word. For example, green, grass, grow all have the "gr" sound in the beginning of the word.

Word families are important because they help young children recognize and analyze word patterns when they are learning to read. When teaching analytic phonics, teachers use word families to help children understand these patterns and that certain words have the same letter combinations and sounds.

Word Families Chart

-ag

bag
brag
drag
rag
sag

snag
tag
wag

flag

-uck

truck

buck duck struck
stuck luck struck
pluck truck

-op

top

chop mop
drop pop
hop shop
stop

-ive

hive

dive strive
drive thrive
live

-all

snail

tail jail mail nail
sail tail trail
quail

-ite

kite

bite quite
site write

cap -ap

clap nap trap
gap scrap wrap
lap strap
map tap

-ell

bell

fell sell spell
shell tell
smell well
yell

-oat

boat

coat goat
float oat
gloat throat

-one

phone

bone cone
lone stone
tone zone

-ame

frame

blame name
came flame same
fame game tame

-eet

feet

beet sheet
fleet sleet
greet street
meet sweet

-ing

ring

bring string
king swing
sing thing
spring wing

-ab

crab

cab nab
grab scab
jab stab
lab tab

-ig

pig

big dig
rig wig
dig twig

bed -ed

bled red sled
fed shed wed
led shred

-og

dog

log fog
hog smog

-eep

sheep

beep keep
creep weep
deep sleep
jeep sweep

-amp

lamp

camp champ
clamp ramp
damp stamp

-ug

bug

dug mug snug
hug plug tug
jug rug

-at

cat

bat hat
fat mat
flat pat
gnat sat
that

-ight

light

bright might
flight night
knight right
light sight

-ow

bow

blow low
flow row
glow show
grow slow
know snow

-ake

cake

bake shake
lake snake
make take
rake wake

-ice

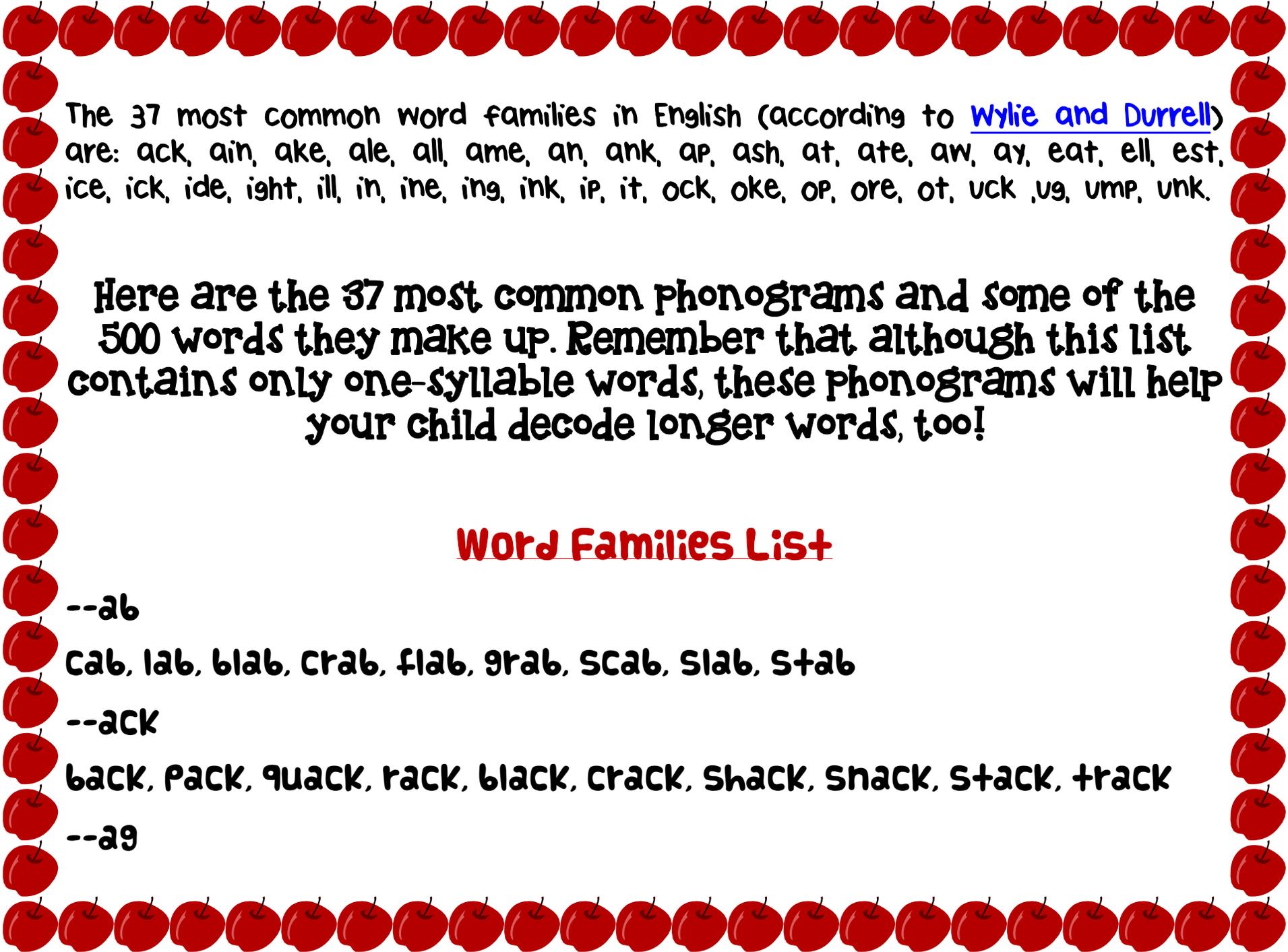
mice

dice
price
rice
slice
twice

-ock

sock

knock
lock
rock
shock
stock
clock dock
flock



The 37 most common word families in English (according to [Wylie and Durrell](#)) are: ack, ain, ake, ale, all, ame, an, ank, ap, ash, at, ate, aw, ay, eat, ell, est, ice, ick, ide, ight, ill, in, ine, ing, ink, ip, it, ock, oke, op, ore, ot, uck, ug, ump, unk.

Here are the 37 most common phonograms and some of the 500 words they make up. Remember that although this list contains only one-syllable words, these phonograms will help your child decode longer words, too!

Word Families List

--ab

cab, lab, blab, crab, flab, grab, scab, slab, stab

--ack

back, pack, quack, rack, black, crack, shack, snack, stack, track

--ag



bag, rag, tag, brag, flag

--ail

fail, mail, jail, nail, pail, rail, sail, tail, snail, trail

--ain

main, pain, rain, brain, chain, drain, grain, plain, Spain, sprain, stain, train

--ake

bake, cake, fake, lake, make, quake, rake, take, wake, brake, flake, shake, snake

--am

ham, sam, clam, slam, swam

--an

can, fan, man, pan, ran, tan, van, bran, plan, than

--ank

bank, sank, yank, blank, crank, drank, thank





--ap

cap, lap, map, nap, rap, tap, clap, flap, scrap, slap, snap, strap, trap, wrap

--at

bat, cat, fat, hat, mat, rat, sat, brat, chat, flat, spat, that

--ay

day, may, pay, say, clay, play, pray, spray, stay, tray

--eed

feed, need, seed, weed, bleed, freed, greed, speed

--ell

bell, fell, sell, tell, well, yell, shell, smell, spell, swell

--est

best, guest, nest, pest, rest, test, vest, west, chest, crest

--ew

jew, few, knew, new, blew, chew





--ick

KICK, LICK, PICK, QUICK, SICK, BRICK, CHICK, CLICK, STICK, THICK, TRICK

--ight

KNIGHT, LIGHT, MIGHT, NIGHT, RIGHT, SIGHT, TIGHT, BRIGHT, FLIGHT, FRIGHT, SLIGHT

--ill

FILL, HILL, PILL, WILL, CHILL, DRILL, GRILL, SKILL, SPILL, THRILL

--in

BIN, FIN, PIN, SIN, WIN, CHIN, GRIN, SHIN, SKIN, SPIN, THIN, TWIN

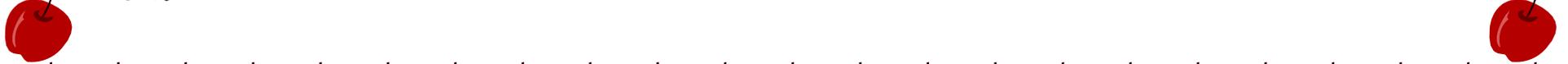
--ine

FINE, LINE, MINE, NINE, PINE, VINE, WINE, SHINE, SPINE, WHINE

--ing

KING, RING, SING, WING, BRING, CLING, SPRING, STING, STRING, SWING, THING

--ink





link, pink, sink, wink, blink, drink, shrink, stink, think

--ip

dip, hip, lip, rip, sip, tip, chip, clip, drip, flip, grip, ship, skip, strip, trip, whip

--ob

knob, mob, rob, blob, slob, shob

--ock

knock, lock, dock, rock, sock, block, clock, frock, shock, stock

--op

cop, hop, mop, pop, top, chop, crop, drop, flop, plopp, shop, stop

--ore

bore, more, sore, tore, wore, chore, score, shore, snore, store

--ot

got, dot, hot, knot, lot, not, plot, shot, spot

--out



grouT, SCout, Shout, Spout, Sprout

--ow

cow, how, now, brow, chow, plow

--uck

buCK, duCK, luCK, cluCK, stuCK, truCK

--um

gum, hum, drum, plum, slum

--unk

juNK, chuNK, druNK, ShruNK, stuNK, truNK

-y

by, my, cry, dry, fly, fry, shy, sky, spy, try, why

