

Word Families

Word families are groups of words that have a common pattern or groups of letters with the same sound. For example, the “ain” word family includes *brain, chain, gain, pain, rain*, and so on. The following list of common word families come from Wylie and Durrell, 1970.

<p>-ack</p> <p>attack back black crack hack Jack knack lack pack quack rack sack snack stack tack track whack Zack</p>	<p>-ad</p> <p>ad bad brad cad clad dad doodad glad had lad mad pad sad</p>	<p>-ail</p> <p>ail fail hail jail mail nail pail rail sail snail tail wail</p>	<p>-ain</p> <p>brain chain complain explain gain grain main obtain pain plain rain slain Spain sprain stain strain train vain</p>	<p>-ake</p> <p>awake bake brake cake fake flake Jake lake make quake rake sake shake snake stake take wake</p>	<p>-ale</p> <p>ale bale dale gale kale male pale sale scale stale tale whale</p>	<p>-all</p> <p>all ball call fall gall hall install mall scale small squall stall tall thrall wall</p>
<p>-am</p> <p>cam clam dam dram exam gram ham jam lam ma'am Pam ram Sam scam slam spam swam tam tram wham yam</p>	<p>-ame</p> <p>blame came fame flame frame game lame name same shame tame</p>	<p>-an</p> <p>an ban bran can clan Dan Fan flan Fran Jan Japan man pan pecan plan ran scan span Stan tan than van</p>	<p>-ank</p> <p>bank blank crank dank drank flank frank Hank plank prank rank sank shrank spank tank thank yank</p>	<p>-ap</p> <p>cap clap flap gap lap map nap rap sap scrap slap snap strap tap trap wrap yap zap</p>	<p>-ar</p> <p>afar bar car far jar mar par scar spar star tar</p>	<p>-ash</p> <p>ash bash brash cash clash crash dash flash gash gnash hash lash mash rash sash slash smash splash stash thrash trash</p>

<p>-at</p> <p>at bat brat cat chat fat flat gnat hat mat pat rat sat slat spat tat that vat</p>	<p>-ate</p> <p>abate ate crate date debate fate gate grate hate Kate late mate plate rate relate sate skate state</p>	<p>-aw</p> <p>caw claw draw flaw gnaw jaw law paw raw saw slaw straw thaw</p>	<p>-ay</p> <p>away bay bray clay day decay delay display flay gay gray hay jay lay may nay okay pay play pray quay ray relay replay say slay spray stay stray sway they today tray way</p>	<p>-eat</p> <p>beat cheat cleat eat feat greet heat meat neat peat pleat seat treat wheat</p>	<p>-eel</p> <p>eel feel heel keel kneel peel reel steel wheel</p>	<p>-eep</p> <p>beep creep deep jeep keep peep seep sheep sleep steep sweep weep</p>
<p>-eet</p> <p>beet feet fleet greet meet sheet sleet street sweet tweet</p>	<p>-ell</p> <p>bell cell dell dwell farewell fell hell sell shell smell spell swell tell well yell</p>	<p>-en</p> <p>amen Ben children den glen hen men open pen then ten when wren</p>	<p>-ent</p> <p>bent cent dent event gent lent rent scent sent spent tent vent went</p>	<p>-est</p> <p>best chest crest jest nest pest quest rest test unrest vest west zest</p>	<p>-ice</p> <p>dice ice mice nice price rice slice spice splice thrice twice vice</p>	<p>-ick</p> <p>brick chick click flick kick lick nick pick quick sick slick stick thick tick trick wick</p>

<p>-ide</p> <p>bride decide glide hide pride ride side slide stride tide wide</p>	<p>-ife</p> <p>fife knife life strife wife</p>	<p>-ight</p> <p>bright delight fight flight fright height knight light might night plight right sight slight tight tonight</p>	<p>-ile</p> <p>bile file mile Nile pile rile smile stile tile vile while</p>	<p>-ill</p> <p>bill chill dill drill fill frill gill grill hill ill kill mill pill quill shrill sill skill spill still swill thrill will</p>	<p>-in</p> <p>bin chin din fin gin grin in kin pin shin skin sin spin thin tin twin win within</p>	<p>-ine</p> <p>brine decline define dine fine line mine nine pine shine shrine sine spine swine tine twine vine whine wine</p>
<p>-ing</p> <p>bring cling fling king ping ring sing sling spring sting string swing thing wing wring zing</p>	<p>-ink</p> <p>blink brink drink fink ink link mink pink rink shrink sink stink think wink</p>	<p>-ip</p> <p>blip chip dip drip flip grip hip lip nip quip rip ship sip skip slip snip strip tip trip whip zip</p>	<p>-it</p> <p>admit bit fit flit grit hit it kit knit lit pit quit sit skit slit snit spit split twit wit</p>	<p>-oat</p> <p>boat coat float gloat goat oat throat</p>	<p>-ock</p> <p>block clock cock crock dock flock frock hock jock knock lock mock rock shock smock sock stock</p>	<p>-og</p> <p>blog bog catalog clog cog dog fog frog hog jog log slog smog</p>

-oil boil broil coil foil oil soil spoil toil	-oke awoke bloke broke choke joke poke smoke spoke stoke stroke woke yoke	-oo boo coo goo igloo moo shoo too woo zoo	-ood good hood stood wood	-ood brood food mood	-oof goof proof roof spooF	-oof hoof woof
-ook book brook cook crook hook look nook rook shook took	-oom bloom boom broom doom gloom groom loom room zoom	-ool cool drool fool pool spool stool tool	-oon balloon goon loon moon noon soon spoon swoon	-oop coop droop hoop loop scoop snoop stoop troop	-oot (long oo) boot hoot scoot shoot	-oot (short oo) foot soot
-ore bore chore core gore lore more ore pore score shore sore spore store swore tore wore	-orn born corn forlorn horn morn scorn shorn thorn torn worn	-ot blot bot clot cot dot forgot got hot jot knot lot not plot pot rot shot slot spot tot trot	-ought bought brought fought ought sought thought wrought	-ould could should would	-ouse douse house mouse spouse	-out about bout clout out lout pout scout shout snout spout stout tout trout

<p>-ow</p> <p>(rhymes with cow)</p> <p>bow cow chow how now plow sow vow wow</p>	<p>-ow</p> <p>(rhymes with low)</p> <p>bow blow crow flow glow grow low mow row show slow snow sow stow throw tow</p>	<p>-own</p> <p>brown crown down drown frown gown town</p>	<p>-uck</p> <p>buck chuck cluck duck luck muck puck pluck stuck struck truck tuck yuck</p>	<p>-ug</p> <p>bug dug hug jug lug mug plug pug rug shrug smug snug thug tug</p>	<p>-ump</p> <p>bump clump dump grump hump jump lump plump pump rump slump stump thump trump</p>	
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