

Short Vowel Word Families

- Print the stories or read them on your computer.
- Highlight/Circle the words you are focusing on in each story.
For e.g in the first story 'The Cab and Crabs' highlight the words, cab, crabs, grab, stab, scab, grab, fab!
- Colour in a happy face every time you read the story.

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The Cab and Crabs

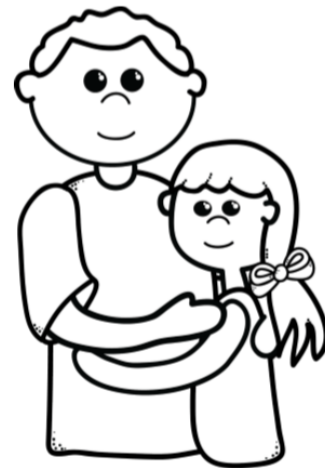
Mom got us a cab to go see crabs. Mom said, "Do not grab the crabs! You do not want them to stab you. If the crab stabs you, you can get a scab!" I looked at the crabs but I did not grab them. They were red. They were fab!



What colour were the crabs?

Sad Dad

I saw my dad. He looked so mad. "Dad, why are you mad?" I said. "I am not mad," said Dad. "I am sad." I can help Dad not be sad. I gave him a big hug! "I am so glad you gave me a hug. Now I am not sad!" said Dad.



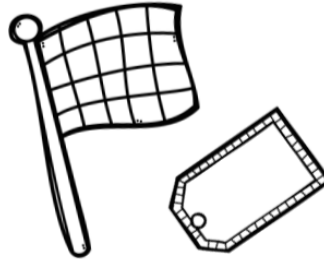
How did she make dad glad?

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Name: _____

The Bag

We got a bag. I opened it.
Inside was a flag. The flag had
a tag. The tag said, "I fixed
the snag." "What is a snag?" I
said. "A snag is a rip," said mom.
But look, the flag is fixed! What
a nice flag in the bag!



What was in the bag?

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family

Name: _____

Time to Eat

It is time to eat. "Do you
want ham?" said mom. "No!"
Do you want jam?" said mom.
"No!" "Do you want a yam?"
said mom. "I do not want ham!
I do not want jam! I do not want
a yam! I want some pie!"



What does the boy want to eat?

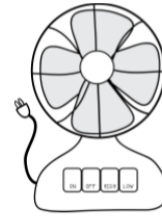
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Name: _____

The Hot Van

Do you see our tan van?
It can get hot in our tan van.
We took it to a man. "I can
fix your van," said the man.
"I will put a fan in your van."
"That is a good plan!" we said. The van got a fan.
Now the tan van is not hot.



What is the problem with the van?

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family

Name: _____

The Map

Chap sat on Dad's lap. Dad
said, "First, we will take a nap.
Then we will put on caps. Last,
we will look at the map." "Ok!"
said Chap, "Naps, caps, then
the map. What will be next?"
"Then we will go!" said Dad.



What will Dad and Chap do first?

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family

Name: _____

The Hat Chat

Pat and I sat down to chat.
"I love your hat!" said Pat.
"I love your hat!" I said.
I looked at her hat. She
looked at my hat. They were
the same! We had the same hats
on when we sat down to chat!



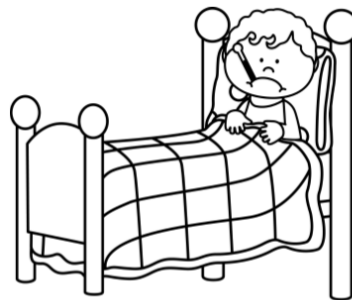
What did they have that is the same?

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Name: _____

Get Better Ned!

Ned is sick. His head is
red. Ned's mom wants him
to feel better. "Ned, get in
bed." said mom. Then mom
fed Ned. "Get better Ned!"
said Dad. "Get better Ned!"
said Mom.



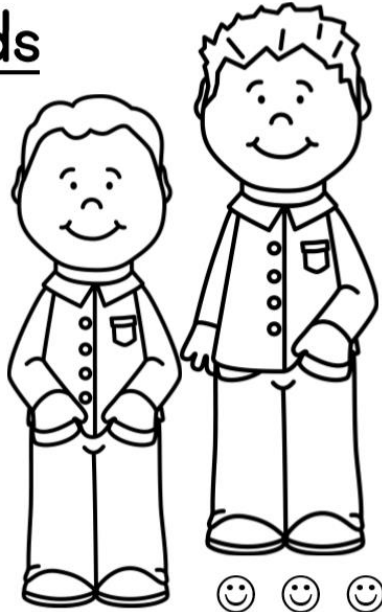
What does mom want Ned to do?

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Name: _____

Friends

This is Ben. This is Ken.
Ben and Ken are friends.
They met when they
were ten. Now they are men.
"I am happy we met when
we were ten!" said Ben.
"Me too!" said Ken.



When did the men meet?

et
family

Name: _____

Pet at the Vet

My pet is sick. I took my
pet to the vet. "Is she better
yet?" I said. The vet said, "Not
yet. Do not let your pet get
wet." "Ok, I will not let my
pet get wet!" I said. "Then she
will get better soon!" said the vet.



Who did she take her pet to see?

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Name: _____

The Park

Dad and Sid went to the park.

Sid did what Dad did!

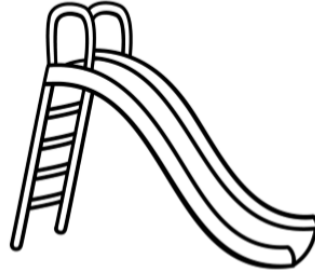
Dad slid down the slide.

Sid slid down the slide.

Dad hid by the tree. Sid

hid by the tree. "You are

such a silly kid, Sid!" said Dad.



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Where did Sid and Dad go?

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family

Name: _____

My Pig Zig

I have a pink pig.

My pig's name is Zig.

Zig loves to dig. It

makes Zig happy.

Zig digs big holes.

"What a big mess!" I said

to Zig. "Please do not dig, Zig!"



What does Zig love to do?

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family

Name: _____

Swim

Jim went for a swim.
“Mom, I want to swim with
him,” said Kim. “Ok, I will
take you to swim,” said Mom.
Mom took Kim to swim with
Jim. They had fun!



What did Kim want to do?

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family

Name: _____

Guess What?

Who can guess what
is in the bin? “Is it full of
tin?” said Lin. Yes! The
bin has tin cans in it. You
guessed it! You win!
“What did I win?” said Lin.
You won all the tin in the bin!



What was in the bin?

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family

Name: _____

I Can Zip!

Mom, look! I can zip my jacket! First, I put it on. Next, I put my hands by my hips. Then, I hold my jacket at the tip. Last, I go up, up, up! Zip, zip, zip! See mom? I can zip my jacket!



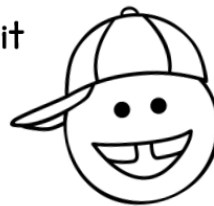
Who is watching the boy zip his jacket?

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Name: _____

The Peach

"Tom! Sit down to eat your peach," said mom. "Okay, I will sit down," I said. I sat down. I bit the peach. "Ouch!" The pit hit my tooth. Then I spit it out. "Mom, look at my tooth. It fell out!"



What was Tom eating?

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family

Name: _____

The Cook

I am Bob. My job is to cook. "I want corn on the cob!" Pat said to Bob.



"I do not have corn on the cob." said Bob. Oh no! "Do not sob!" said Bob. "I will find corn on the cob. I will cook corn on the cob for you!"



What is Bob's job?

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family

Name: _____

My Many Pets

I have many pets. I have a pet dog. He likes my pet hog. My pet hog likes my pet frog. My frog does not like the dog. My frog does not like the hog.



My frog likes to sit on his log!



Who doesn't the frog like?

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Name: _____

The Bunny Race

The bunnies like to race.

Bop the bunny is fast!

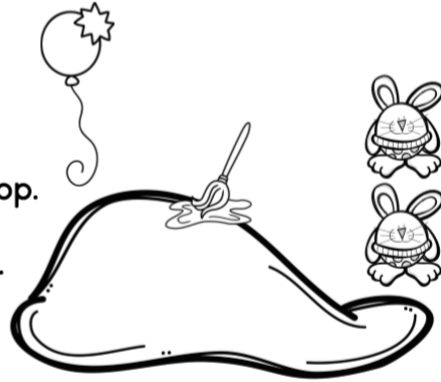
Bop will hop to the top.

Bop will stop to get the mop.

Bop will hop to the balloon.

Bop will pop the balloon

to win! Hop fast, Bop, so you can win!



Where does Bop need to hop to?

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family

Name: _____

I Am Not!

"You are sick," said Mom.

I am not. "You are hot," said

Mom. I am not! "Have a pot

of soup," said Mom. I do not

want a pot of soup. "Have a

little, not a lot." said Mom.

Ok, Mom.



What does mom think is wrong with the girl?

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family

Name: _____

Bub the Cub

I know a cub. His name
is Bub. Bub likes the tub.
Bub plays with his duck in
the tub. Rub, rub, rub.
Now Bub the cub
is clean in the tub!
Get out of the tub, Bub!



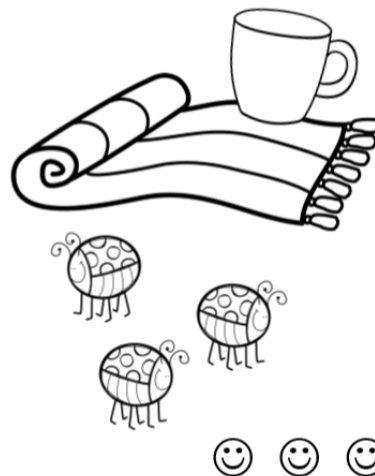
What does Bub like to do?

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Name: _____

Under the Rug

My mug fell. It is on the
rug. Tug, tug, tug. Wow!
Look what is under the rug!
There are bugs. There are
slugs. There is my mug!
Good thing my mug fell
on the rug!



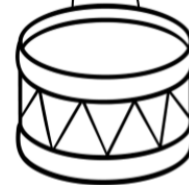
What fell on the rug?

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Name: _____

In the Car

I was in the car. "Mom, I want gum." I said. She gave me gum. "Yum! Now I will hum! *Hmmm*," I said. "That is nice," said Mom. "I will drum on my lap!" I said. "Wow," said Mom. "I hear gum, hums, and drums!"



What did she do after gum?

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family

Name: _____

Run, Run!

Do you know Max?
Max loves to run. He loves to run in the sun.
This is Bun. Bun is Max's dog. Max takes Bun with him.
Max and Bun run in the sun.
They have lots of fun!



Who loves to run?

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family

Name: _____

Ice Cream Hut

"Dad, can we go to the ice cream hut?" I said. "Yes, but first, please shut the car door."

We went to the ice cream hut.

I got ice cream with nuts!

"Thanks Dad!" I said. "You're welcome!"

said dad. I love ice cream with nuts!



What did the boy get on his ice cream?

ack
family

Name: _____

Jack's Snacks

Jack likes many snacks.

Jack likes to crack nuts as a snack.

Jack likes to eat chips in a sack as

a snack. Jack likes to eat a stack

of pancakes as a snack. Jack wants

to eat the cookies on the rack as a snack. Mom said "No!"



Where does Jack keep his chips?

Nell Fell

Oh no, Nell fell! Do not yell, Nell.
 Nell hit her head. I want Nell to
 get well. What can I give Nell?
 Here Nell, smell the flowers.
 Here Nell, have my bell.
 Here Nell, have my shell.
 I want you well, Nell!



What happened to Nell?

The Test

I have a math test. I want
 to do my best on the math test!
 Mrs. West said I need to rest.
 I did rest. I did my best on the
 test. "Good job!" said Mrs. West.
 Thank you for doing your best
 on the test!



What kind of test does he have?

Ill Jill

Jill is ill. Jill has chills. Bill
wants to help Jill get better.
“Bill, will you fill a cup with water
for me?” said Jill. “Yes!” said Bill.
Bill did not want to spill the water.
“Here you go, Jill!” said Bill.
“Thank you!” said Jill.



Who wants Jill to get better?

A Pet Chick

Nick and Rick want a pet chick.
They will pick a chick. “I want to
pick a chick with thick feathers,”
said Nick. “I want to pick a chick
that runs quick!” said Rick. “Let’s
name our chick Patrick!” said Nick.
“I like it!” said Rick.



What did they name the chick?

