

-a Word Families

Literacy

at	
at*	cat
bat	fat
hat	mat
pat	rat
sat	that
that*	flat
brat	chat
gnat	

an	
man*	than**
ran**	can
fan	pan
tan	van
plan	clan
scan	

*occurs in first 100 high frequency words

**occurs in second 100 high frequency words

a Families

ad	
had*	bad
dad	mad
pad	sad
rad	glad
lad	

ap	
cap	lap
gap	map
nap	rap
yap	tap
zap	clap
flap	slap
trap	chap
snap	wrap
strap	

ag	
bag	rag
sag	wag
nag	flag
brag	drag
shag	snag
lag	tag

ab	
cab	dab
jab	nab
lab	tab
blab	crab
scab	stab
grab	slab

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am	
am**	dam
ham	ram
jam	clam
slam	cram
wham	swam
yam	gram

all	
all*	ball*
call*	tall**
fall	hall
mall	wall
small	stall

ar	
bar	car
far	jar
par	star

art	
cart	dart
mart	part
tart	start
chart	smart

and	
hand**	band
land	sand
brand	grand
stand**	strand

ang	
bang	fang
hang	sang
rang	clang

ash	
bash	cash
dash	gash
hash	mash
rash	sash
lash	trash
crash	smash
slash	clash
flash	

ack	
back**	pack
jack	rack
lack	sack
tack	black**
quack	crack
track	shack
snack	stack

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ank	
bank	sank
tank	yank
blank	crank
drank	prank
spank	thank

amp	
camp	damp
lamp	ramp
champ	clamp
cramp	stamp
tramp	scamp

ast	
fast	cast
past	last
mast	vast

ant	
ant	pant
chant	slant
grant	plant

atch	
batch	catch
hatch	latch
match	patch
snatch	scratch

Oddballs	
want**	what*
was*	saw**
laugh	

More short -a words	
as*	has*
gal	pal
gas	wax
ask	yak
tax	math
bath	path
task	calf
half	fact
mask	bask
raft	lamb
draft	shaft
craft	staff
graph	ranch
grasp	plant
shall*	branch

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