

-e Word Families

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e Families

et	
get*	let**
bet	met
net	pet
set	wet
vet	fret
jet	yet

em	
men**	den
hen	ten
pen	then*
when*	wren
Ben	Ken

*occurs in first 100 high frequency words

**occurs in second 100 high frequency words

ed	
red**	bed
fed	led
wed	bled
fled	sled
shed	shred

ell	
tell*	bell
cell	fell
jell	sell
well	shell
smell	spell
swell	dwell

eg	
beg	peg
leg	keg

ess	
less	mess
guess	bless
dress	press
stress	

eck	
deck	neck
peck	wreck
speck	check
fleck	

est	
best**	nest
pest	rest
test	vest
west	chest
jest	crest
guest	

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end	
end**	bend
lend	mend
send	tend
blend	spend
trend	

ent	
bent	dent
cent	lent
rent	sent
tent	vent
went	scent
spent	

More short -e words	
yes	web
egg	elm
gem	them*
hem	stem
next**	pep
step	held
help	desk
left**	kept
slept	wept
swept	melt
pelt	knelt
lens	self
shelf	fresh
flesh	etch
fetch	sketch
wretch	stretch
clench	drench
tempt	tenth
debt	

Spelled ea	
read	head
bread	dead
lead	death
breath	dread
deaf	

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