

# Fluency Families

short u words



	-ug family fluency
•	bug rug hug tug
••	mug jug lug bug
•••	dug pug hug rug
••••	lug jug mug hug
•••••	hug pug rug lug
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One of the most important skills for beginning readers to attain is fluency in reading. Fluency means the ability to read text quickly and accurately. When students gain an understanding of word families, and start to see “chunks” in words, they become better readers. Instead of sounding out each phoneme, or sound, in the word, they are able to transfer what they know about “chunks” and apply it to their reading. Word family fluency is a great way for your students to practice reading accurately and fluently.

In this file, you will find two sets of fluency practice. The first one is a set of cards you can laminate, hole punch and place on a metal ring. The color coded set will help your students visualize the chunks in each word. This will help them see that only the first sound will change. The black and white set can be printed on colored paper to help your students differentiate between each word family. I also included some word family words that have beginning blends. You can add the cards that you think your students will benefit most from. Have your students flip through the words and read them quickly and accurately. The more they practice, the more fluent they will become!

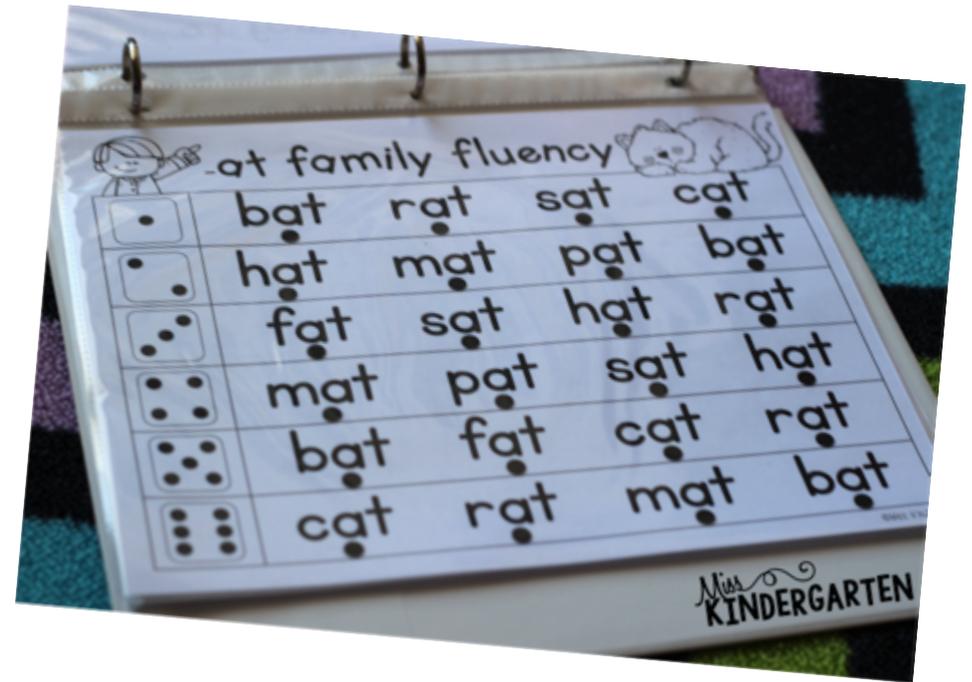
colored coded set



black and white set



The second set of fluency practice has the words all listed on one page. Your students can roll a dice and read the corresponding words. The second page has dots under the words to help your students see each word and draw their eye to each chunk. You can print these pages out and place them in sheet protectors. Then place all the sheets in a 3-ring binder for easy access.



At the end of each word family set is a fun little certificate to record the amount of words your students can read in a specific amount of time. You can also time how long it takes your students to read all the words and record it on the line. As your students become more fluent in their reading, their time will decrease!

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