



Overlay Word Families

Literacy Focus:

Phonics

Students will be able to match the sounds of word families to the letters in that word family.

Strategy:

Segment and Swap

Text Type:

Informational Text

Sample Text:

"Word Families" (p. 23)

Materials:

- Elkonin Overlay

Introduce the Lesson

- Ask:** "What are some words that start with different letters but end with the same sound?" *Listen to responses.*
- Say:** "A **word family** is a group of words that end with the same sound but start with different letters."
- Ask:** "Why do you think we learn about word families?" *Some possible answers include "to help us read" or "to help us spell."*
- Show:** *Draw or copy a picture of a hat onto your Write 'N' Wipe Board.*
- Say:** "This is my /at/ hat. Only words that have the /at/ sound can go in the hat. Who has a word that they think can go in the hat?" *Listen to responses. Examples include: **cat**, **rat**, **mat**, and **bat**.*
- Show:** *Write the words on your Write 'N' Wipe Board as the children say them if they have suggested an /at/ sound.*
- Ask:** "What do you notice about words that are in the same family?" *Possible answers include: they rhyme, they usually have the same number of letters, etc.*
- Say:** "Now we are going to look at two different families."

Use the Strategy

- Show:** *Pass out one copy of "Word Families" to each student.*
- Say:** "Place your Elkonin Overlay cards over each picture on the page. Sound out each word and spell it out in the boxes below. Once you write the letters, use your finger to say each sound in the word." *Monitor students as they place the card over each picture. Ensure that they write one letter in each box as they write.*
- Ask:** "As you used the card, did you have to rewrite every letter every time?" *Listen for responses - students should answer no.*
- Say:** "Word families let us read lots of different words pretty quickly."



Extending the Lesson

Remediation

Write the endings for the word family on your Write 'N' Wipe Board. Have students complete just the beginning sound in familiar words until they become comfortable with the idea of a word family.

Enrichment

Have students think of CVC words for additional word families. Use the Elkonin Overlay for both three- and four-letter words in the same family.

Word Families

The /an/ Family

This family has a .



This family has a .



This family has a .



The /ug/ Family

This family has a .



This family has a .



This family has a .

