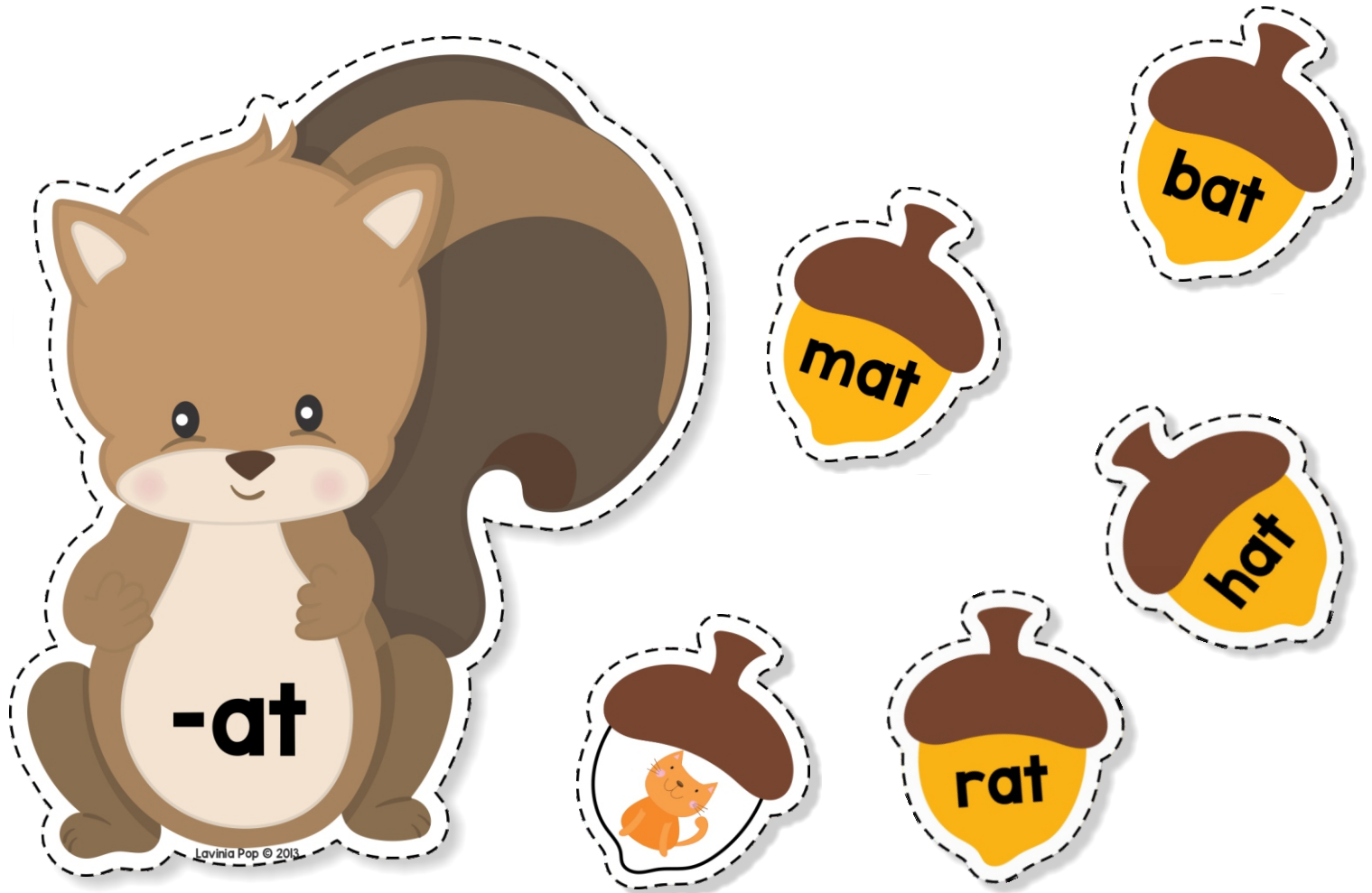


# squirrels & acorns

# WORD FAMILIES

10 word families | 40 words and 10 pictures to sort













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# INTRODUCTION

Introduce young learners to word families with our Squirrel and Acorn Word Family Sort activity! This engaging, autumn themed resource is perfect for preschool and kindergarten students, helping them practice word recognition and phonics skills through a fun, hands-on sorting game.

## Features:

- **10 word family mats:** Includes 10 sorting mats designed as squirrels, each labeled with a different word family ending (-at, -an, -en, -et, -ig, -it, -og, -op, -ug, -un), providing a visual cue for children to match and sort words.
- **Acorn word and picture cards:** Comes with acorn shaped cards featuring four words and one picture for each word family.
- **Recording page:** Includes a recording page where children can document four word families they worked on by writing the word family on the squirrel, writing four words from each word family, and drawing a picture related to the activity.

## How to Use:

- **Preparation:** Print, laminate, and cut apart the squirrel mats and acorn word and picture cards for durability.
- **Activity:** Children select an acorn word card, identify the word ending, and place it on the matching squirrel mat with the corresponding word family. This sorting activity helps reinforce their understanding of word families.
- **Recording practice:** After sorting, children use the recording page to write down the word families they worked on, list four words for each family, and draw a picture. This reinforces their learning through writing and drawing practice.

## Educational Benefits:

- **Phonics and word recognition:** Supports children in recognizing common word families and understanding word patterns, which is essential for early reading skills.
- **Sorting and categorization:** Enhances cognitive development by encouraging children to sort words based on their endings, promoting logical thinking and categorization skills.
- **Fine motor skills:** Handling the acorn word cards, writing, and drawing on the recording page helps develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Happy Teaching! :)

# WORD FAMILY SORT

## I can

- 1 Lay the squirrels and acorn cards in front of me.
- 2 Read the words on the acorns and listen to the ending sounds.
- 3 Sort the acorns to the correct word family squirrel.
- 4 Record my work.



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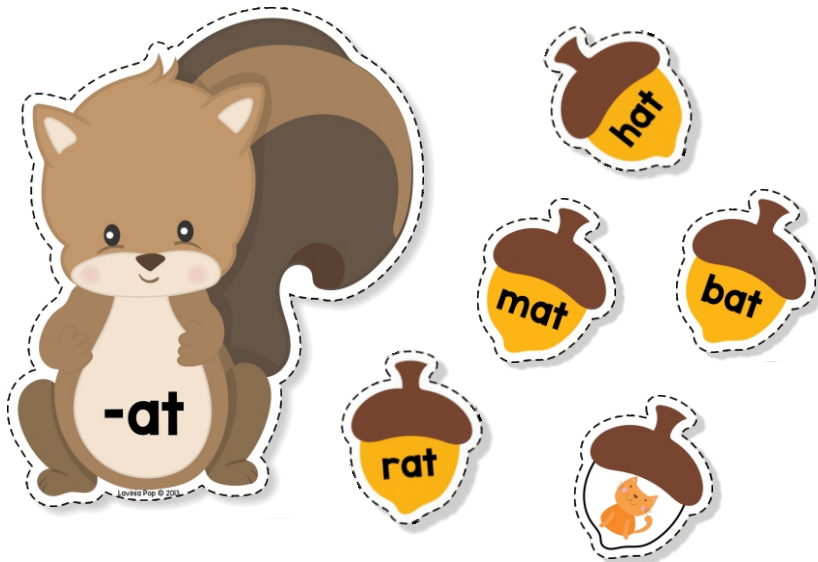
**WORD FAMILY RECORDING PAGE**

Write the word family on the squirrel's tummy and the words that belong to the word family on the acorns.


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# AUTUMN

## Word Family Sort



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Write the word family on the squirrel's tummy and the words that belong to the word family on the acorns.


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