

Word Lists: Medial Short Vowel

This is a list of word families based on short vowel rimes. It is designed to help develop and extend basic letter-sound understanding and the ability to blend those sounds into words. These word families, therefore, utilize only short vowels in the medial position and only independent and dependent consonants in the initial and final position. They do not utilize c, g, y, w, q, or x, nor do they include any non-standard pronunciations of other consonants, such as the “s” which takes the /z/ sound in “his” or “as”) and do not use any double vowels or consonants, vowel or consonant digraphs, etc. ***The intent of this list is to create a word list that can be used to support and reinforce reading with the most basic letter-sound correspondence, uncluttered by exceptions, rules, diphthongs, digraphs, silent letters, vowel-r words, etc.*** Also not included are words which fit these parameters but are unusual words a young child is not likely to have in his/her speaking vocabulary, such as “rend.”

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| Short a | fad | <u>-amp</u> | <u>-and</u> | snap | vast |
| | had | damp | band | strap | blast |
| | lad | lamp | hand | trap | |
| <u>-ab</u> | mad | ramp | land | | <u>-at</u> |
| dab | pad | stamp | sand | <u>-ask</u> | bat |
| jab | sad | | brand | ask | fat |
| lab | Brad | <u>-an</u> | stand | mask | hat |
| nab | | ban | strand | task | mat |
| tab | <u>-am</u> | Dan | | | pat |
| blab | dam | fan | <u>-ap</u> | <u>-asp</u> | rat |
| drab | ham | man | lap | gasp | sat |
| flab | jam | pan | map | grasp | vat |
| slab | Pam | ran | nap | | brat |
| stab | ram | tan | rap | <u>-ast</u> | flat |
| | Sam | van | sap | fast | spat |
| <u>-ad</u> | slam | plan | tap | last | |
| bad | tram | span | flap | mast | |
| dad | | | slap | past | |

