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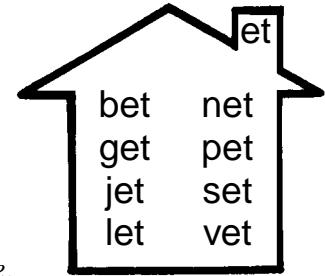
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Word Families Activities (cont.)

Family Houses

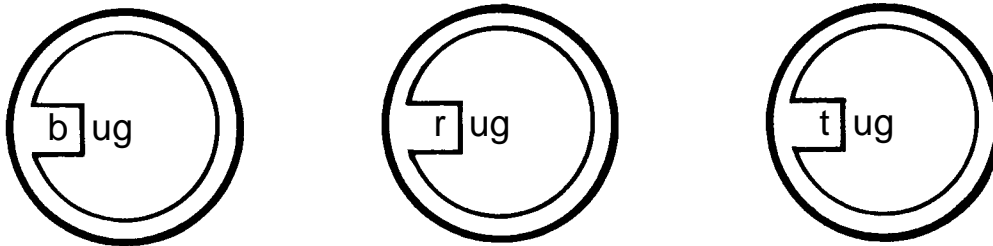
Cut an outline of a house with a chimney out of construction paper. Label the chimney with a word family. Have students brainstorm words that will fit into the word family. For example, if the word family you are working on is *-et*, students may brainstorm the following words: *bet, get, jet, let, met, net, pet, set,* and *vet*. Encourage students to include words with blends that fit into the word family. You may also want students to include other words that have the word family in the spelling, but do not necessarily end with the word family. For example, in the *-et* word family, students may suggest a word such as *settle*.

You may want to include nonsense words students think of that contain the word family. For example, nonsense words for *-et* would be *det, cet, fet,* or *ret*. Make an asterisk next to the nonsense words in order to denote them as words that we do not use in our language. Keep the word-family houses on display in the classroom. Encourage students to add to the house lists throughout the year.



Word Family Circles

Photocopy page 73 onto cardstock, one for each student. Have students cut out both of the patterns on the page. Assemble together placing the whole circle on the bottom and the circle with the cut-out on the top. Secure together with a brad at the **X**. Have students label the top circle with a word family (for example, *-ug*). Then, have students spin the bottom wheel in order to write an initial consonant or blend that will make a word with the word family chunk. Students can practice spinning the wheel and reading the word family words.



Through the Alphabet

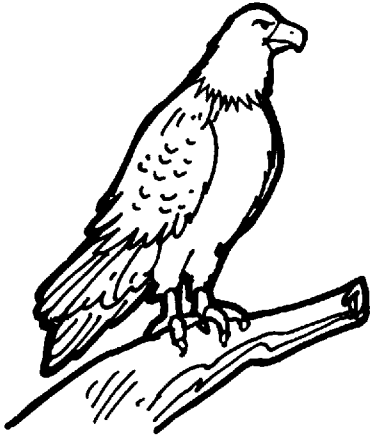
Create real and nonsense words by combining each of the sounds of the alphabet with a word family. For example, if the rime is *-et*, have students substitute all the consonant sounds as the initial sound to create new words (see below). Have students identify which words are real and which words are nonsense.

bet	fet	jet	met	quet	tet	xet
cet	get	ket	net	ret	vet	yet
det	het	let	pet	set	wet	zet

American Symbols

Directions: Cut out the word cards at the bottom of the page. Glue the word cards in the correct boxes to match the American symbols at the top of the page.

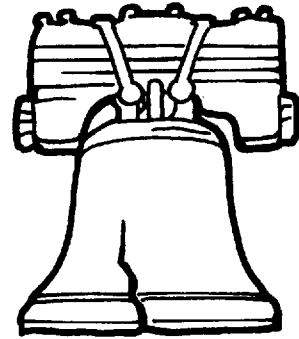
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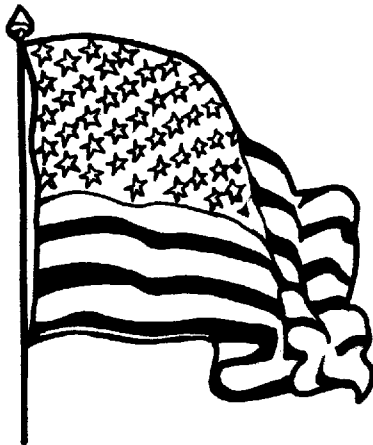
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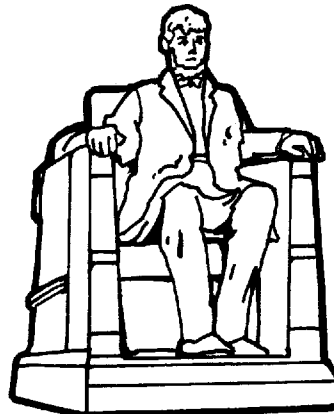
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Liberty Bell

Statue of Liberty

Lincoln Memorial

American flag

Washington Monument

bald eagle