

Name _____

Word Family Pairs Answer Key

1. cat - bat
2. pig - wig
3. sun - run
4. cap - map
5. log - frog
6. bed - web
7. bug - big
8. mop - top
9. hat - bat
10. pen - hen

Teacher's Guide

- **Goal:** Build early rhyme awareness by matching words that share the same ending sound, called a **word family** (like **-at** in cat and bat).
- **Differentiation:**
 - Pre-K: Do 5 matches only; cover the rest with a sheet of paper.
 - K: Have students **say** each pair, then **clap** the ending sound once (cat, bat).
- **Engagement:** Turn it into a quick "Say it, then connect it" game. Students must say both words before drawing the line.
- **Extension:** After matching, ask students to **draw** a picture that fits one word family (example: draw a rat for **-at**).