

ad

ad mad /ad/

#1 ad

mad- angry.

dad- your father.

bad- opposite of good.

had- past tense of have, to hold or own.

sad- opposite of happy.

fad- short lived excitement by groups of people.

lad- a boy.

tad- tiny amount.

pad- paper bound together. Also, material to protect, such as a kneepad.

admit- confess to be true.

admire- something that gives you pleasure.

advice- (noun) an opinion on what one should do.

advise- (verb) to give advice.

The above two are similar and different. I advise you to take my advice.

Dada or Dadaism- in response to WW1 and the establishment, Dadaism was an art form that began in Zürich, Switzerland (circa 1915).

Encompassing elements of music, poetry, theatre, dance, visual art and politics, the artists wanted to destroy traditional values. A non-violent artistic protest movement.

Words underlined do not match the Word Family patterns. I wrote the definitions to help ELL understand certain words.

at



at bat /at/

#2 at

bat- a flying mammal.

cat- an animal with four legs. Can be a big lion or a small house pet.

fat- overweight.

hat- something worn on your head.

mat- soft material that covers the floor.

rat- a rodent similar to a mouse, but larger.

sat- past tense of sit, relaxing on your backside.

pat- repeatedly touch with an open hand.
Also, a man's name (Pat).

chat- informal conversation.

combat- try and stop a problem.

acrobat- a flexible person (gymnast),
sometimes at a circus.

patio- an outdoor surface near a person's house.

copycat- an uncreative person who does the same as another, imitate.

am



am ram /am/

#3 am

ram- an adult male sheep.

ham- meat from a pig.

jam- jelly. Also, wedged in a tight area.

Sam- man's name.

Pam- woman's name.

slam- forcefully close or throw down.

swam- past tense of swim, the opposite of drowning.

sham- false.

clam- mollusks found underwater; humans value them for the food or a pearl inside the two shells.

damp- slightly wet.

lamine- protecting with a clear thin layer of plastic.

telegram- a message sent by telegraph (coded signals).

stamina- endurance (physical or mental).

kilogram- one kilogram = 2.2 pounds

example- show a person how to do something.

diagram- a drawing displaying how something works.

ag



ag bag /ag/

#4 ag

bag- a container (paper, plastic, etc.) used for carrying things.

rag- old piece of linen used for cleaning.

tag- an attached label.

sag- hangs down.

wag- moves quickly back and forth.

drag- pulling with effort.

brag- telling others how wonderful you are.

stag- a male deer.

agony- extreme physical or mental suffering.

jaguar- a large mammal (cat) with black spots, living in Central and South America.

ragged- old and torn clothes.

jet lag- fatigue after a long flight.

ap



ap cap /ap/

#5 ap

cap- to seal (a marker or bottle).

Also, a hat.

gap- an unfilled space.

lap- an oval track in racing.

nap- a brief sleep in the afternoon.

map- physical maps (oceans and mountains), political maps (state or national borders separated by color) and many other types.

sap- fluid that circulates throughout a plant.

snap- break quickly.

tap- to gently touch.

trap- a device or plan to catch something or someone.

an



an can /an/

#6 an

can- container for drinks. Also, having the ability to do something.

fan- to move air, mechanical or hand-held, and cool off.

Dan- a man's name.

man- an adult male.

ran- past tense of run, faster than walking.

van- a vehicle with a large enclosed area in the back.

tan- skin darker by the sun.

pan- a shallow metal container for cooking.

plan- arrange in advance.

ban- to forbid people from using something.

Tarzan- a fictional (not based on fact) character from a 1914 book with superior physical strength.

Superman- a comic book and film character with super powers and amazing strength.

handyman- a person who does odd jobs.

dishpan hands- chapped hands from long-term soaking in water and cleaning material.

milkman- a person who delivers milk.

gentleman- a respectful man.

ab



ab cab /ab/

#7 ab

cab- (taxicab) pay to ride in a car.

jab- strike with a fist.

tab- a flap to be opened on an object.

lab-(laboratory) a place where scientific experiments are done.

dab- a small amount of something.

grab- to hold (such as a hand).

gab- continuously talking about something that does not interest you.

blab- telling others something you should keep secret. Similar to gab, but informal.

crab- a crustacean with five pairs of legs.

drab- lacks brightness.

fabulous- wonderful.

all



all ball /ol/

#8 all

ball- a round object (used in games).

hall- a long narrow walkway.

fall- (usually) unintentionally going to the ground.

tall- opposite of short.

wall- a structure that separates or supports.

call- to dial on the telephone.

mall- a large building with stores.

recall- memory of a past event.