

# Short A Word Family Sort

## Unit 1: God Made It All-Genesis 1 & 2

Directions for introducing the sort:

- Cut apart the words ahead of time (or your child can do this).
- Set up **cat**, **and**, and **black** as your headers: the other words will go in columns underneath.
- Before starting the sort, tell the child that you are sorting by word family patterns -at, -and, and -ack. It helps tremendously if your child has already been exposed to word family work of some sort.
- Read through the words together (*it is important that these words all be familiar to your child*). Discuss any words that your child doesn't know the meaning of, like *grand*, *lack* or *chat*.
- Model sorting a few words from each category, until your child seems comfortable with looking for the patterns. If this is your first time doing a word sort with your child, model sorting all of them the first time.
- Scramble the words up and let her re-sort it again *with support*.

**Your sort should look like this when complete:**

cat	and	black
that	grand	back
sat	sand	crack
flat	hand	quack
bat	stand	lack
chat	land	pack

*For more word sorts, check out Words Their Way & their word sorting supplement books. I highly recommend them (designed for Pre-K through high school).*

Short A Sort: -at, -and, & -ack families (with blends and digraphs)

<u>cat</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>black</u>
back	that	grand
sand	crack	sat
hand	flat	quack
bat	lack	stand
pack	land	chat

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