

The ab Family Set



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-ab Word Family List

blab

gab

stab

cab

grab*

tab

crab

jab

prefab

dab

lab

taxicab

drab

nab

fab

scab

flab

slab

Ouch!

(Tune: "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow")
Cherry Carl Artwork: Helena Normark

I saw a hermit crab today.
It didn't stop to stay and play.
Instead it reached right out to grab
my toe and then it ran away!
So if you see a crab today,
you'd better not get in its way!
It only wants to grab your toe.
It doesn't want to stay and play!



I Know a Little Hermit Crab!

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I know a little hermit crab that lives by the sea,
whenever I go out there, he takes a stab at me.

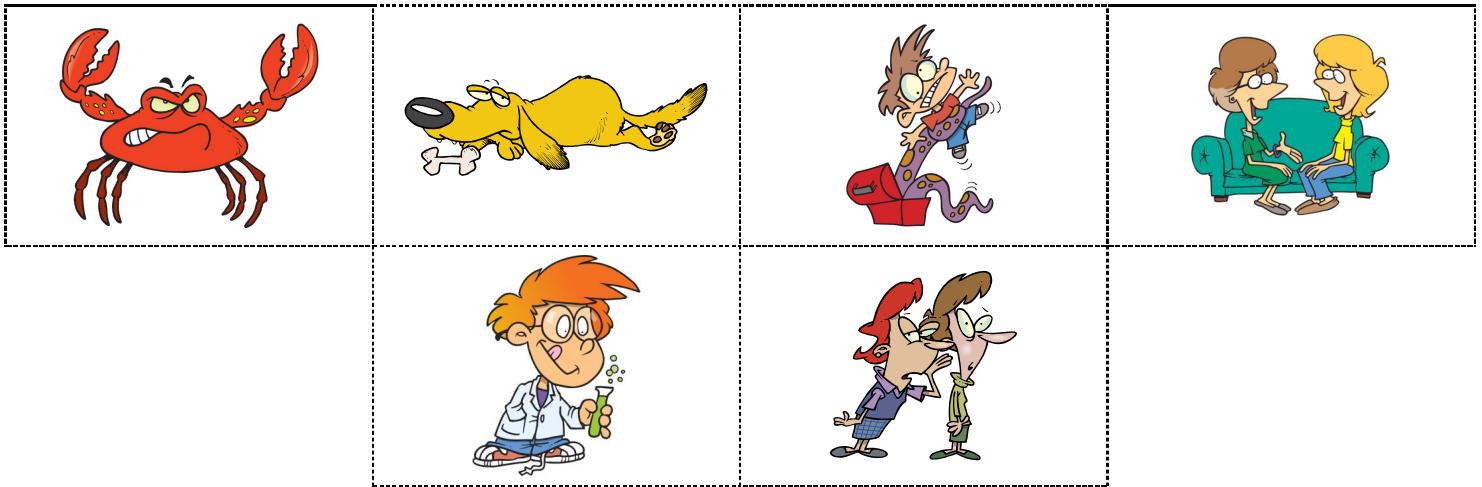
Out come his pinchers to nab my toe,
but he never gets to grab me 'cause he's so slow!



Cut and Paste: ab



blab		lab	
grab		lab	
gab		crab	



Finish and Write: ab



Say the name of each picture. If the picture belongs in the -ab family and rhymes with **grab**, add -ab to finish writing the word.



cr



sh



l



g



p



gr



n



t



b

Circle and Write

Look at the picture in each box. Circle the word that matches the picture. Write the word on the lines.

1.



nab

nub

2.



lube

lab

3.



crib

crab

4.



grab

grub

5.



gab

gob

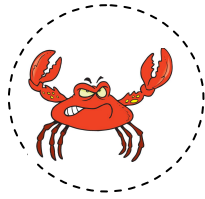
X's and O's



A cartoon boy with glasses and a yellow shirt is holding a large blue pencil. A large 'X' is drawn over the entire scene.	A cartoon red crab with a smiling face, enclosed in a dashed circle.	Two cartoon women, one with brown hair and one with blonde hair, are sitting on a green couch and talking.
A cartoon man with glasses and a white sailor's cap is sailing a blue sailboat on the water.	A cartoon yellow dog is running to the right, with a bone in its mouth.	A cartoon boy with orange hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat, is holding a green test tube.
A cartoon boy with a red cap and blue shirt is holding a baseball bat, standing on a baseball field.	A cartoon boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and blue pants, is jumping over a red box. A purple snake is coiled around the box.	A cartoon grey mouse is holding a red and orange striped object.
A cartoon man with a large nose is sitting on a red stool, holding a brown pot.	A cartoon police car with 'P.D.' on the side, with two police officers standing next to it.	Two cartoon women, one with red hair and one with brown hair, are standing and talking.

Directions for teacher/parent: Students circle each picture that ends with the -ab rime. They make an x on each picture that does not end with the ab rime.

More X's and O's



Directions to teacher/parent: Students circle each picture that ends with the *-ab* rime and write the word in the box. If the picture does not end with the *-ab* rime, students make an x over the picture.

More Circle and Write

Say the name of each picture. Read the words and circle the word that names the picture. Write the word underneath the picture. Make a picture for the last two words.



grab

grub



crack

crab



nab

nub



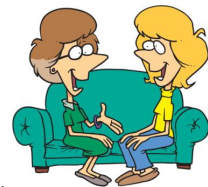
lap

lab



blip

blab



gab

gob



lab

lad

grab

gab

ab See, Say, Spell and Write











b | a b



Alphabet Avenue

Place the words below in alphabetical order.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

tab
nab

blab
crab

grab
jab

cab
lab

dab
drab

scab
slab



Cloze the Gap! (ab)

Read the following sentences, saying the word "grab" when you come to a blank space. Use words from the *ab* family to fill in the blanks and make sense. Reread your sentences to double check your choices! Some words are used twice!

1. Did you find a _____ at the beach?
2. Some people take a taxi _____ to the airport.
3. Our new dog is a golden _____.
4. My mom says that it's not nice to _____ things.
5. May I have a _____ of butter for my bread?
6. Ouch! My knee has a _____ on it!
7. Sometimes you have to pull a _____ in pop-up books.
8. When I talk a lot, Mom says that I have the gift of _____.
9. Don't _____ and tell our secret!
10. _____ is short for fabulous!
11. The _____ of a big truck is hard to get into!
12. My dad works in a science _____.

Word Bank

blab	dab	grab	scab	cab
fab	lab	tab	crab	gab

Simple Sentences (ab)

Word Bank
lab
crab
lab

Name _____

Read each sentence below, saying the -ab picture names as you read. Rewrite the sentence and change each picture to a word. Illustrate the sentences on the back of your paper.

1. We took a cab to the



2. A



lives in the sand.

3. Sam has a



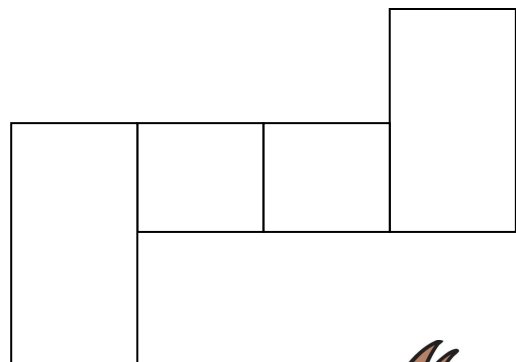
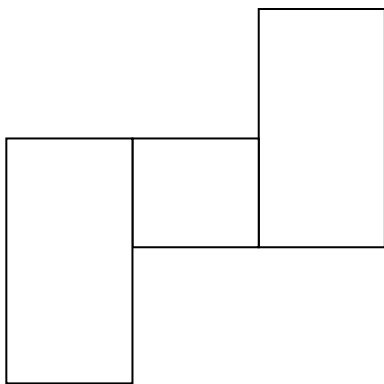
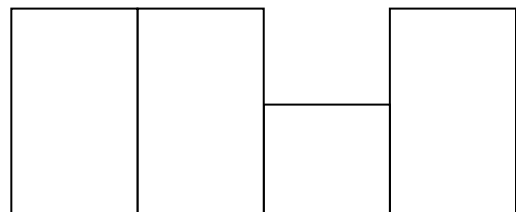
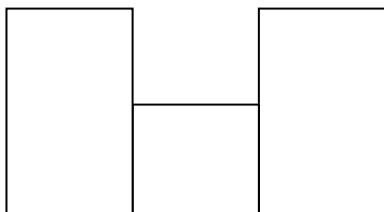
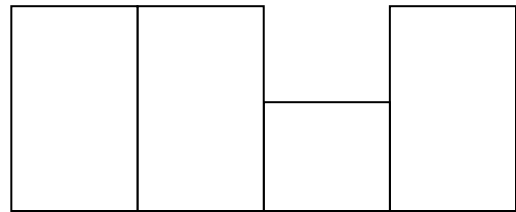
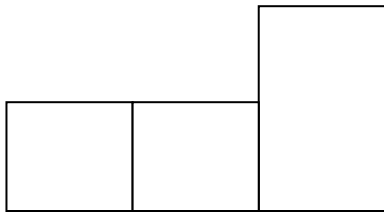
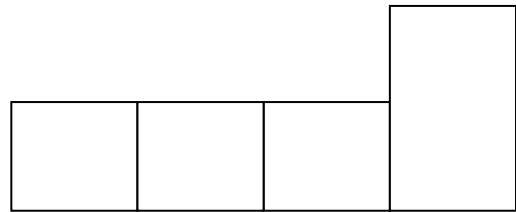
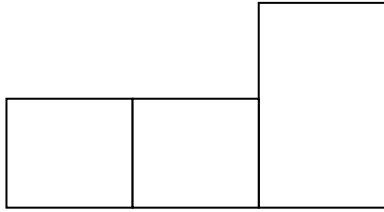
named Gabby.

Score With Scrabble!

SCORE

B ₃	L ₁	A ₁	B ₃	
C ₃	A ₁	B ₃		
C ₃	R ₁	A ₁	B ₃	
D ₂	R ₁	A ₁	B ₃	
F ₄	L ₁	A ₁	B ₃	
G ₂	A ₁	B ₃		
G ₂	R ₁	A ₁	B ₃	
J ₈	A ₁	B ₃		
L ₁	A ₁	B ₃		
N ₁	A ₁	B ₃		
S ₁	C ₃	A ₁	B ₃	
Total				

Configuration Station: ab



Word Bank			
blab	jab	cab	crab
grab	flab	lab	nab



Definition Derby








Read each -ab family word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

Word		Sentence	Definition
1. blab	d	<i>Please don't blab about this to anyone.</i>	a. pat or touch lightly; a little bit
2. cab			b. to gash or puncture with a sharp object like a knife
3. crab			c. a tag or a label
4. dab			d. tell tales; gossip; spread rumors
5. drab			e. to take into custody
6. flab			f. a crust that forms over a sore
7. grab			g. fat or too much weight
8. lab			h. taxi; the enclosed part of a truck
9. nab			i. a short form of the word "laboratory;" a gold colored dog
10. scab			j. dull or colorless; plain
11. stab			k. an animal that lives in a shell; a grouch
12. tab			l. to take hold of suddenly; to seize or grab

What's it Worth? (ab)

(cut, spell, glue and add)

a
1

a
1

a
1

a
1

a
1

b
2

b
2

b
2

b
2

b
2

b
2

c
3

r
4

l
5

l
5

l
5

n
6

ab Word Search



c	r	a	b	e	v	o	f	a	b
a	i	v	l	a	b	x	l	q	w
b	w	h	i	e	k	o	a	k	s
x	g	a	b	m	d	a	b	x	c
o	r	v	i	w	r	h	o	v	a
n	a	b	e	k	a	m	t	a	b
q	b	h	j	a	b	q	w	e	h
w	x	e	v	o	i	s	t	a	b

blab
fab
lab

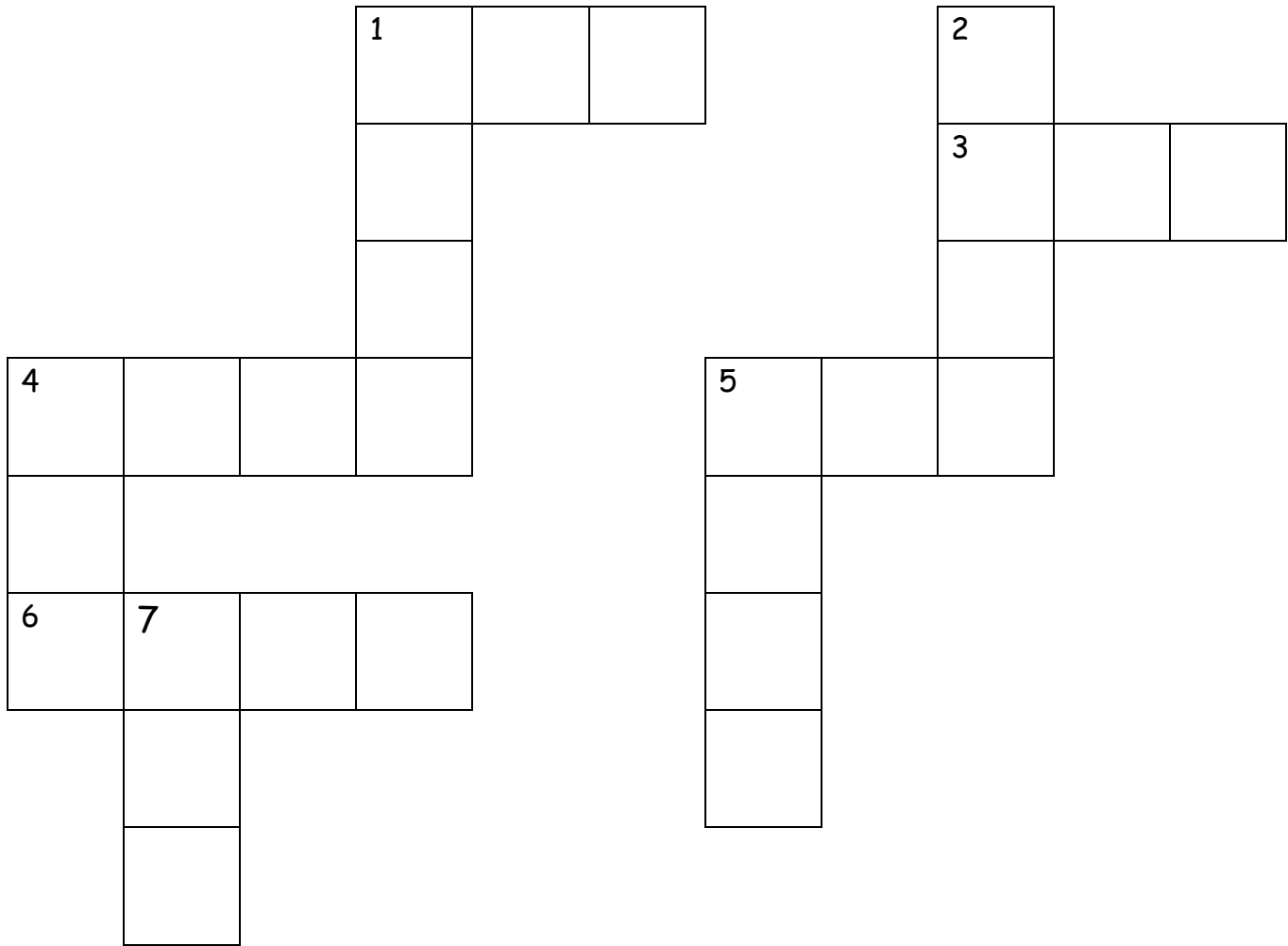
cab
flab
nab

crab
gab
scab

dab
grab
stab

drab
jab
tab

ab Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. taxi
3. We pull this to open a can of soda.
4. to take hold of suddenly
5. a little bit
6. to tell someone's secret

Down

1. a sea animal with a shell
2. to stick with something sharp
4. to talk
5. dull or boring
7. a room for science

Suffix City: ab

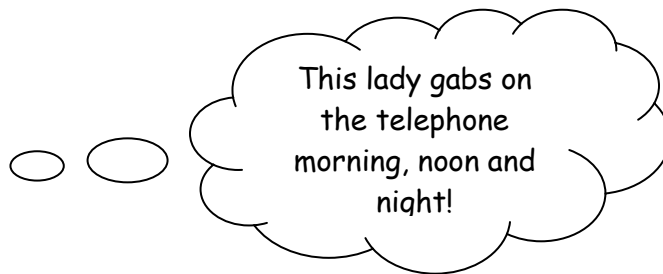
Look at the root words on the left.

Use your magnetic letters to add -s, -ed, and -ing to make new words.

Write the new words in the boxes below.

*Before adding ed or ing, you have to double the consonant. The first one is done for you.

Root Word	-s	-ed*	-ing*
dab		dabbed	dabbing
grab			
nab			
jab			
gab			



Suffix City Cloze: ab

Use your ab Suffix City worksheet to help you fill in the blanks below.

1. The policeman _____ the robber and arrested him.
2. Dad _____ my balloon before it floated away.
3. My mom _____ paint on the wall with a sponge yesterday.
4. Do you like _____ on the telephone?
5. Mom _____ Dad in the ribs when he falls asleep in front of the television and starts to snore!
6. _____ a criminal wasn't easy for the detective.
7. When I get a sunburn, my Mom _____ lotion on it.
8. Sometimes my baby sister _____ the dog's fur.
9. Ouch! I _____ myself with the sewing needle!
10. My sister always _____ on the phone with her friends.



I hope I don't get nabbed or grabbed by the guards!

crab



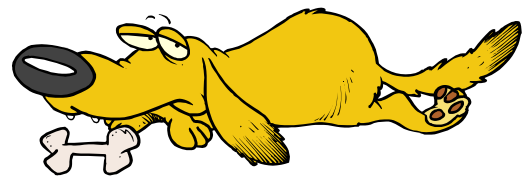
cab



lab



lab



blab



blab



nab



grab



gab



gab



gab



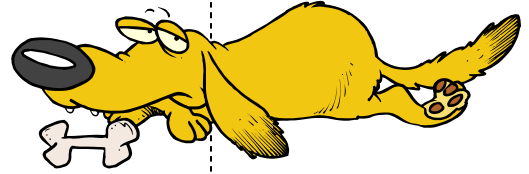
ab Partner Puzzle

Print the Partner Puzzle on vellum. Laminate for durability or print in gray scale for children to cut, color and glue.

grab



lab



lab



gab



crab



nab



ab Words and Pictures for Sorts and Stuff

-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

crab

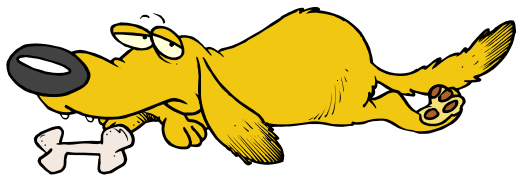
-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

lab

ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

lab

-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

gab

ab Words and Pictures for Sorts and Stuff

-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

nab

-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

blab

-ab Pictures and Words



-ab Pictures and Words

grab

ab Family Word Slide

ab



ab Family Word Slide
(Sound Blending)

Print on vellum, cut, and laminate for durability. Cut the top and bottom slits to the left of the rime chunk for the slide. Model proper use for students: blending to form and say new words.

bl

c

cr

d

dr

f

g



gr

j

l

n

sc

sl

st



ab Stationery

blab, cab, crab, dab, drab, grab, jab,
lab, nab, scab, stab, tab

Write sentences or a story with -ab words of your choice.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated 10 times for writing.



_____ ab

_____ ab

_____ ab

_____ ab

_____ ab

_____ ab



My -ab Book



My -ab Book