

# 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.

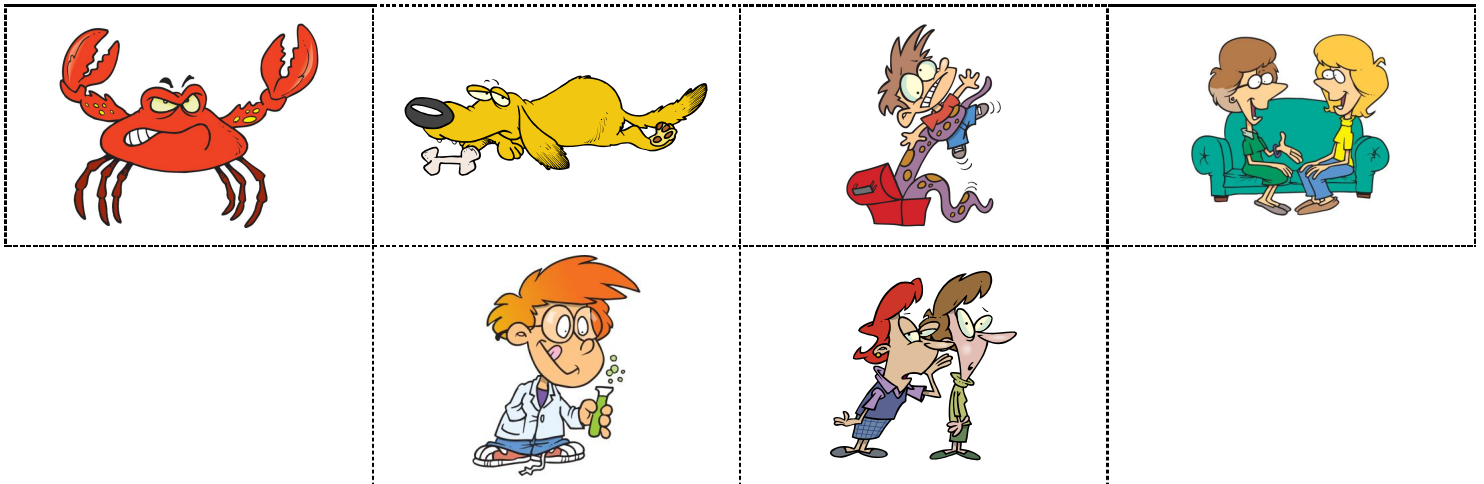
Out come his pinchers to nab my toe,  
but he never gets to grab me 'cause he's so slow!



# 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



t



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

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2.



lube

lab

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3.



crib

crab

\_\_\_\_\_

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4.



grab

grub

\_\_\_\_\_

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5.



gab

gob

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# X's and O's

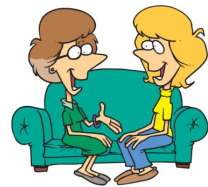
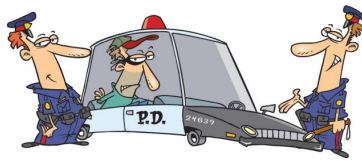
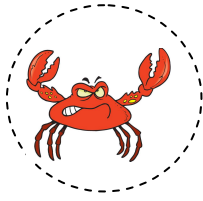


A cartoon boy with a large blue pencil, with a large 'X' drawn over the entire image.	A cartoon red crab with a smiling face, circled with a dashed line.	Two cartoon women sitting on a green couch, talking.
A cartoon man wearing a white sailor's hat and red-and-white striped shorts, sailing a blue sailboat.	A cartoon yellow dog running to the right, with a bone in its mouth.	A cartoon boy with orange hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat, holding a green test tube.
A cartoon boy wearing a blue cap and a red-and-white striped shirt, holding a baseball bat.	A cartoon boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and blue pants, jumping over a red box. A purple worm is crawling out of the box.	A cartoon grey mouse with a red nose and a long, striped tail.
A cartoon man with a large nose, wearing a grey shirt and blue pants, sitting on a red stool and holding a brown pot.	A cartoon police car with 'P.D.' on the side, with two cartoon police officers standing next to it.	Two cartoon women, one with red hair and one with brown hair, 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

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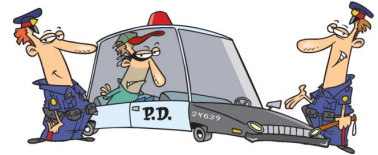
crack

crab

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nab

nub

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lap

lab

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blip

blab

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gab

gob

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lab

lad

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grab

gab

# ab See, Say, Spell and Write



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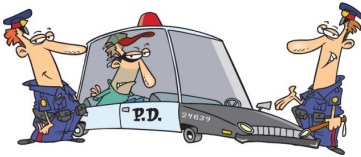
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b | ab



# Alphabet Avenue

Place the words below in alphabetical order.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

12.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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



\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. A  lives in the sand.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Sam has a  named Gabby.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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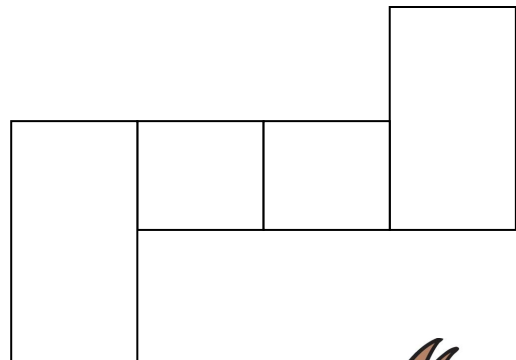
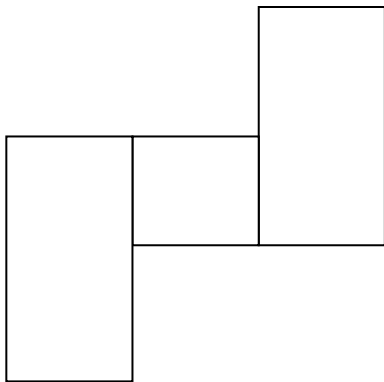
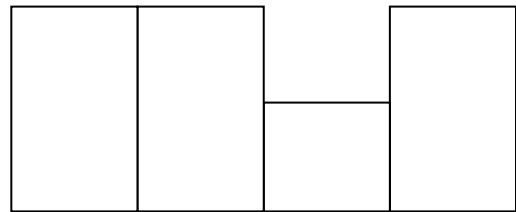
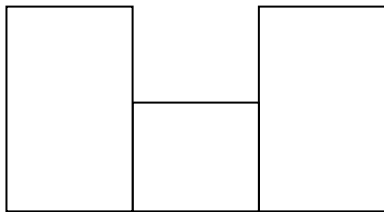
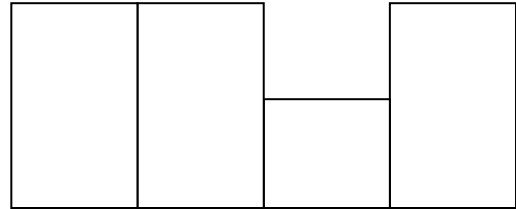
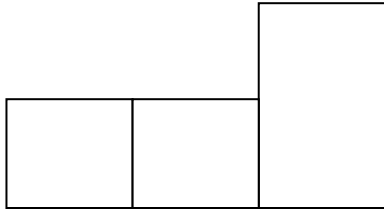
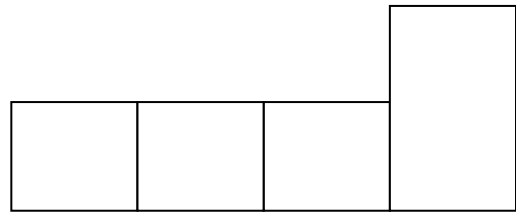
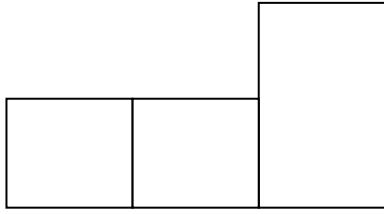
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# Score With Scrabble!

SCORE

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

# Configuration Station: ab



Word Bank			
blab	jab	cab	crab
grab	flab	lab	nab





# Definition Derby








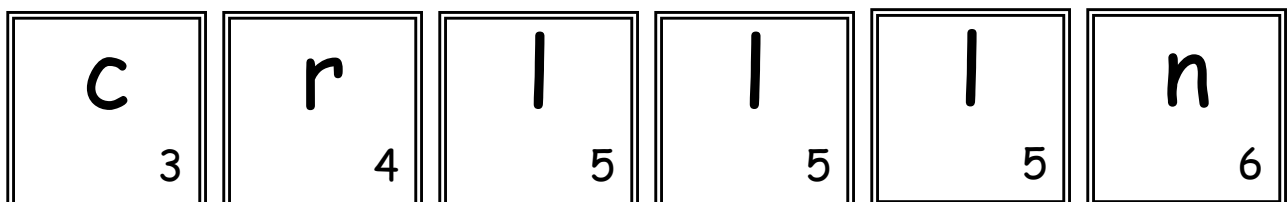
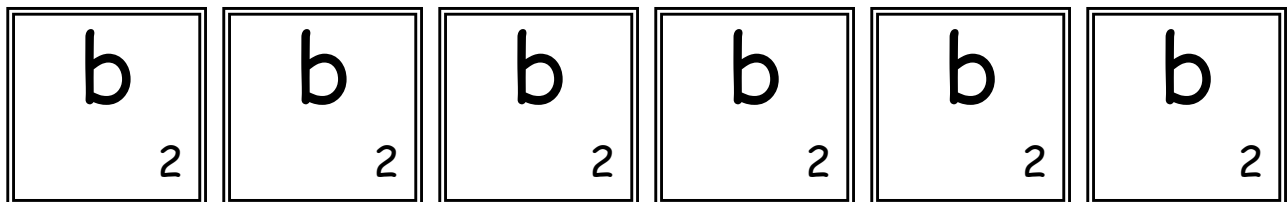
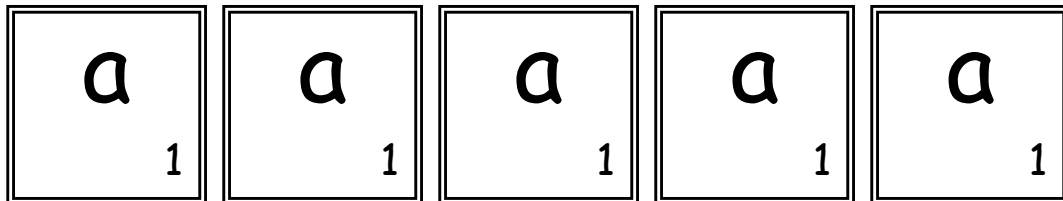
Read each -ab family word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

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)



# 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

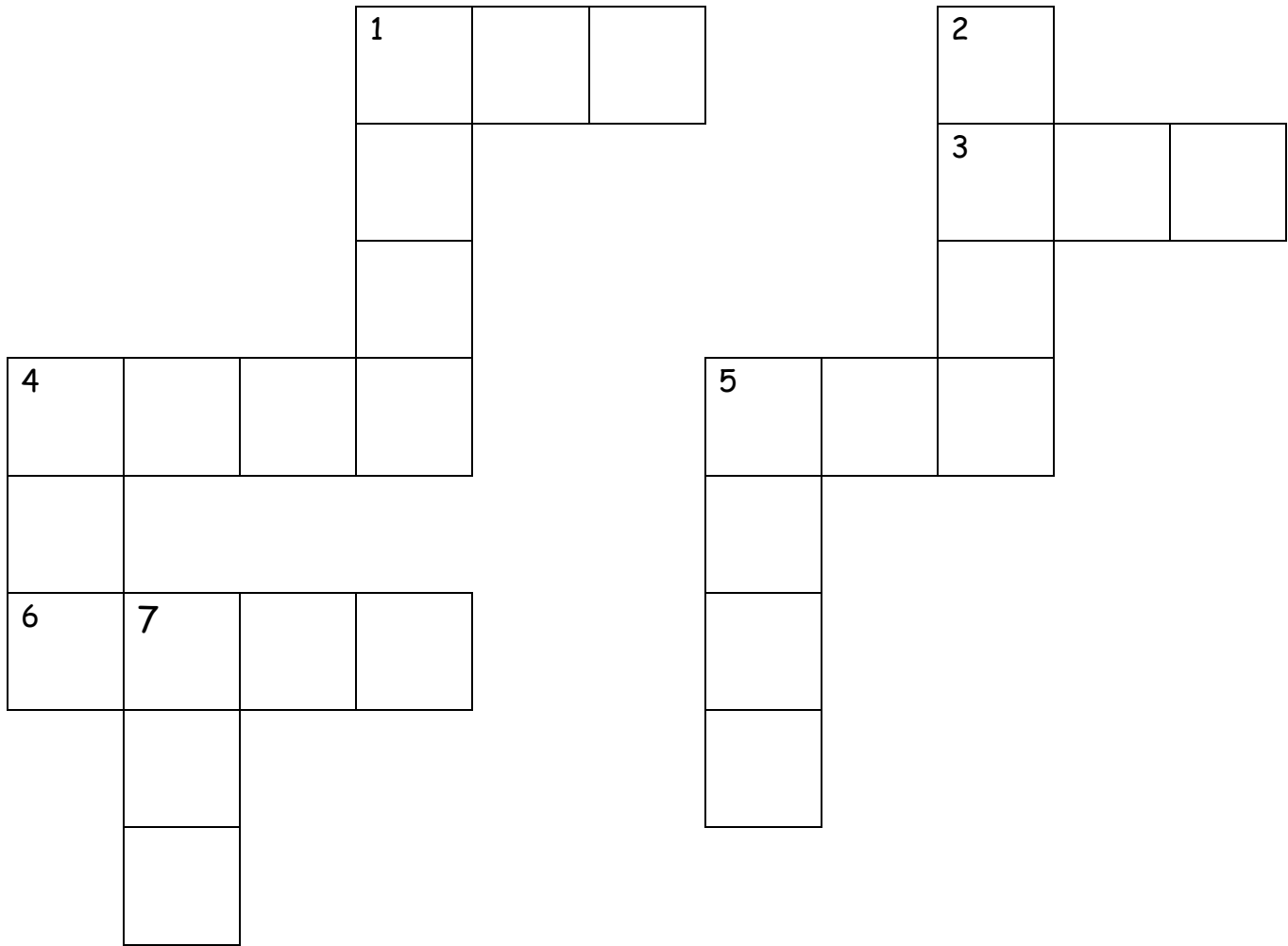
cab  
flab  
nab

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



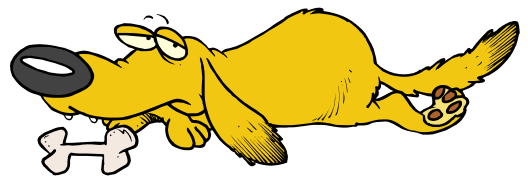
cab



lab



lab



blab



blab



nab



grab





gab



gab



gab



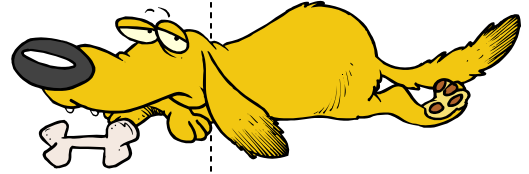
# ab Partner Puzzle

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

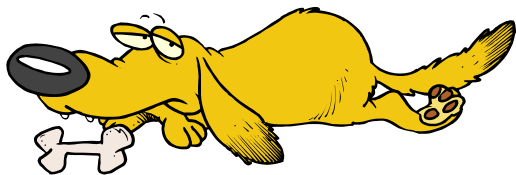
-ab Pictures and Words



-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