

Dyslexia Steps · Free printable worksheets

Ug family words worksheets

6 pages · 25 words on the full list · answer key on the last page

Name: _____ Date: _____

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Read each instruction aloud, then let your child do the work. Praise careful tries, not speed. Scan the code at the bottom to hear every word and play the free listening game. Answers are on page 6.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word. Say the sounds, then the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
bug	☐	☐	☐	stinkbug	☐	☐	☐
plug	☐	☐	☐	jug	☐	☐	☐
ladybug	☐	☐	☐	snug	☐	☐	☐
dug	☐	☐	☐	earplug	☐	☐	☐
shrug	☐	☐	☐	lug	☐	☐	☐
bedbug	☐	☐	☐	glug	☐	☐	☐
hug	☐	☐	☐	unplug	☐	☐	☐
slug	☐	☐	☐	mug	☐	☐	☐

Tip: read the list on three different days. By the third tick, most words should come quickly.

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Name: _____

2 Sound boxes

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then read the word again.

Tip: push a coin or button into each box as you say each sound, then write.

pug example — p | u | g

smug

debug

rug

tug

bug

plug

dug

slug

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3 Missing letters

Write a sound at the start to make a real -ug word. Use each sound from the box once.

For the grown-up: Any real word is right, not only the one in the answer key. Ask your child to read each word they make.

Use each sound once: shr d l b pl sn h sl gl j

1. ____ ug
   write it: _____

2. ____ ug
   write it: _____

3. ____ ug
   write it: _____

4. ____ ug
   write it: _____

5. ____ ug
   write it: _____

6. ____ ug
   write it: _____

7. ____ ug
   write it: _____

8. ____ ug
   write it: _____

9. ____ ug
   write it: _____

10. ____ ug
    write it: _____

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Name: _____

4 Word sort

Read each word in the box. Write it under the heading where it belongs, then cross it out in the box.

hug | dug | bedbug | stinkbug | jug | snug | bug | earplug | shrug | ladybug | plug | slug

CVC -ug words	-ug words with blends and digraphs	Longer words ending in -ug

Tip: read the heading word out loud first, then each word in the box. Do they sound alike?

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Name: _____

5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the -ug words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. A bug is on the rug. ☐
2. Hug the pug. ☐
3. Tug the plug out of the tub. ☐
4. The mug and the jug are hot. ☐
5. A ladybug sat on the mug. ☐
6. The slug is snug in the mud. ☐
7. Glug, glug! I had a big sip. ☐
8. Unplug the fan and give a shrug. ☐

Great reading! You finished the pack.



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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows which sound to practise next.

2. Sound boxes

1. **smug** s | m | u | g
2. **debug** d | e | b | u | g
3. **rug** r | u | g
4. **tug** t | u | g
5. **bug** b | u | g
6. **plug** p | l | u | g
7. **dug** d | u | g
8. **slug** s | l | u | g

3. Missing letters (any real word is right)

1. **jug** — j (also right: bug, dug, hug, lug, mug)
2. **dug** — d (also right: bug, hug, jug, lug, mug)
3. **snug** — sn (also right: plug, slug, glug, smug)
4. **bug** — b (also right: dug, hug, jug, lug, mug)
5. **hug** — h (also right: bug, dug, jug, lug, mug)
6. **lug** — l (also right: bug, dug, hug, jug, mug)
7. **slug** — sl (also right: plug, snug, glug, smug)
8. **plug** — pl (also right: slug, snug, glug, smug)
9. **glug** — gl (also right: plug, slug, snug, smug)
10. **shrug** — shr

4. Word sort

CVC -ug words: bug, dug, hug, jug
-ug words with blends and digraphs: plug, shrug, slug, snug
Longer words ending in -ug: ladybug, bedbug, stinkbug, earplug

5. Underlined words

1. bug, rug
2. Hug, pug
3. Tug, plug
4. mug, jug
5. ladybug, mug
6. slug, snug
7. Glug, glug
8. Unplug, shrug

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's re-read list. When the whole pack feels easy, move on to the next list at dyslexiasteps.com/word-families/ug (see "Practise next").

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