
ED RED ("RED") FAMILY

ED	ED'z	Ed'id	ED'ing	ED dee	ED dur
Ed	Ed's dad			Eddy	
wed (5.05)	weds	wed/wedded	wedding (5.00)	Eddie	
bed (1.75)	beds (3.10)	bedded	bedding		
red (1.45)					
led (10.30)					
sled (7.30)	sleds (7.05)				
bled	See p. 402 for -ead = "ED" as in bread				
sped					
shed (7.35)	sheds (9.60)	shed	shedding		
said ¹ (2.55)					
unsaid					

Power Vocabulary

fed (9.35)					
Jed	Jed's bed				
Red	Red's dad				redder
Fred	Fred's sled			Freddy	
Ted	Ted's medicine			Teddy	
Ned	Ned's meds				
pled					
newlywed	newlyweds				
shred	shreds	shredded	shredding		shredder
embed	embeds	embedded	embedding		
bedtime	meds				
bobsled	bobsleds		bobsledding		
quadruped	quadrupeds				
premed					
coed	coeds			coeducation	coeducational
hotbed	riverbed	roadbed	daybed	sickbed	flatbed
bred	well-bred	ill-bred	thoroughbred	purebred	infrared
fled (7.15)					
toolshed		watershed			
woodshed		bloodshed			

ED = "ID" as in Sacred FAMILY

ID	ID'z	
sacred (14.45)		
hundred (5.35)	hundreds (7.85)	See p. 108 for "ID" as in Kid Family
hatred (13.65)		

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Dolch Word: red **Spelling Demons:** led hundred

Homophones: bread / bred lead / led read / red

¹The word *said* is the past tense of the verb *say*. The *y* in *say* changes to an *i* and the *d* is added for past tense. It is a rare English dialect that rhymes *said* with *paid*. Rhyme *said* with *Ted* and *Ed*.

ed	
bed	I can't believe it's time for bed already.
beds	How many beds do you have in your house?
bedding	Sheets, blankets, pillows, and pillow cases are called bedding.
wedding	They had a big wedding in a small church.
weddings	Some weddings are bigger than others.
wedded	Some say they were wedded. Others say they were wed.
weds	If he weds her, he marries her.
wed	To wed a person is to marry that person.
Ed	Ed is my best friend.
Ed's	Ed's real name is either Edward, Edwin, or Edmond.
led	The blood hounds led the police to the escaped convict.
bled	The last time I cut myself shaving, I bled all over.
fled	A lot of men fled our country during the Viet Nam War.
sled	I never did get a new sled for Christmas.
sleds	Who needs sleds in Florida?
Ned	Ned is one of my best friends.
Ned's	You should have seen Ned's face when I told him the story.
Red's	Fred's hair is red and so is Red's. So is Ned's face.
shed	Have you ever seen a wood shed?
sheds	In the summer our dog sheds hair like crazy.
shedding	You don't want to sit next to him when he's shedding.
shredding	Do you know what it means to be shredding paper.
shred	To shred up paper is to tear it to bits.
shreds	Some offices have a machine that shreds paper.
shredded	There is even a cereal called Shredded Wheat.
sped	Their car sped through the night.
Ted	Ted has a real fast car. Ted's car is faster than Ned's.
bred	Last year they bred rabbits. This year they are going to breed more rabbits.
bread	We <u>eat bread</u> . The past tense of breed is bred and speed is sped.
read	Have you read <i>Big Red</i> ? If you haven't, you ought to read it!

ACK BLACK ("BLAK") FAMILY

AK	AK-ss	AK't	AK'ing	AK'ee	AK'ur
back	backs	backed	backing		backer
Jack	Jack's jacket			Jackie	
black	blacks	blacked	blacking	Blackie	blacker
pack	packs	packed	packing	Packie	packer
rack	racks	racked	racking		
crack	cracks	cracked	cracking	By Cracky	cracker
track	tracks	tracked	tracking		tracker

Power Vocabulary

hack	hacks	hacked	hacking		hacker
shack	shacks	shacked	shacking		
whack	whacks	whacked	whacking		
jack	jacks	jacke	jackin	Jackie	
hijack	hijacks	hijacked	hijacking		
lack	lacks	lacked	lacking		lacquer
slack	slacks	slacked	slacking		slacker
clack	clacks	clacked	clacking		clacker
smack	smacks	smacked	smacking		smacker
knack	knacks				
snack	snacks	snacked	snacking		
unpack	unpacks	unpacked	unpacking	package	packet
repack	repacks	repacked	repacking		
sack	sacks	sacked	sacking		
tack	tacks	tacked	tacking	tacky	
attack	attacks	attacked	attacking		attacker
stack	stacks	stacked	stacking		stacker
quack	quacks	quacked	quacking		quacker
Mack	Mack's	shack			
Mac	Mac's	attack			
flack					
flak					
yak	yaks	yakked	yacking		

-ACK words form either plurals or possessives that rhyme with the AK-ss column.

bookrack	gunrack	hatrack	off-the-rack	tailback	swayback
quarterback	rick-rack	touchback	hunchback	hogback	halfback
kickback	crackerjack	bareback	hatchback	horseback	blackjack
biofeedback	coatrack	knickknack	tamarack	thumbtack	laidback
soundtrack	Cossack	runback	rollback	razorback	outback
paperback	playback	cutback	scatback	feedback	racetrack
drawback	flashback	skyjack	slapjack	flapjack	wetback
lumberjack	lampblack	gunnysack	knapsack	ticktack	hardtack
zweiback	horseback	piggyback			

backward backwards background backdrop backhand

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00: back 1.55, quack 7.60

Spelling Demons: attack attacked

Related Families: See p. 215

NOTE: -acks = -ax

Homophones: packs/pax tacks/tax sacks/sax packed/pact tracked/tract tacked/tact lacks/lax

ack (AK)	
lack	Does Jack lack a concern for others named Jack or Jackson?
lacks	What the world lacks is love.
lacked	Zack's sister has never lacked for anything. She has everything.
lacking	Something is lacking in your answer to my question.
slacking	At times, almost all of us are guilty of slacking off.
slacked	My brother Jack has really slacked off in his work. He retired.
slacks	I really like the pair of slacks you're wearing. They're cool.
slack	The rope is much too slack. Tighten it. Take up the slack.
black	I don't mind watching TV programs in black and white.
Blacks	I know Blacks named White and Whites named Black.
sacks	My sister carried in all three sacks of groceries by herself.
sack	I don't think Zack could punch his way out of a wet paper sack.
sacked	My brother Jack got sacked by his boss for being an hour late.
sacking	My sister thinks sacking groceries can be a fun job.
tacking	My sister Jackie is always tacking up some stupid papers.
tacked	Did you see what the teacher tacked up on the board?
tacks	Did you know that they charge sales tax on thumb tacks?
tack	It's not so funny when it's you who sits on a thumb tack.
attack	Everybody should learn how to attack problems.
attacks	Heart attacks can be serious. Do you know C.P.R.?
attacked	Jack and I were attacked by a pack of angry caterpillars.
attacking	You shouldn't always be attacking what I say.
stacking	Zack must be stacking the deck, but I can't catch him at it.
stacked	I know Zack stacked the deck. He packed it with aces.
stack	It's not nice to stack a deck—unless it's for a card trick.
back	Jack doesn't like to back up—or back you up, either.
backs	I hope Jack backs down and backs you up.
backed	Jack backed his car into a tree. He really racked it up.
backing	I hope Jack gets some backing pretty soon.
snacking	Birds around here are snacking on grubs, worms, and maggots.
snacked	My crazy brother snacked on ice cream with mustard and catsup.
packed	Jack should have packed up his things an hour ago.
racked	Last night Jackie racked up Jack's car and blamed me for it.
cracked	When Jackie looked at herself in the mirror, it cracked.
tracked	The last time my brother tracked in dirt, he got smacked.
quacked	The duck quacked for crackers.
whacked	Lizzie Bordon's father was whacked with an ax forty times.
shacks	The Irish lived in shacks on the wrong side of the tracks.

UE CUE ("K'YOO") FAMILY

ALL THESE UE WORDS HAVE AN "INVISIBLE Y"¹ BEFORE THE UE

y'OO	y'OO-z	y'OO-d	y'OO-ing		
cue	cues	cued	cuing		
rescue	rescues	rescued	rescuing	rescuer	rescuers
barbecue	barbecues	barbecued	barbecuing		
argue	argues	argued	arguing	argument	argumentative
value	values	valued	valuing	valuable	valuation
continue	continues	continued	continuing	continual	continuation

Power Vocabulary

devalue	devalues	devalued	devaluing
discontinue	discontinues	discontinued	discontinuing
imbue	imbues	imbued	imbuing
queue	queues	queued	queuing
miscue	miscues	miscued	miscuing

More Power Vocabulary

venue	hue	ague	curlicue
Hugh	Hughes	(AN "INSANE" SPELLING) revue	

THE LETTER T IN THESE WORDS IS PRONOUNCED AS A "CH"

ch'oo	ch'oo-z	
statue	statues	statuesque
virtue	virtues	virtuous

THE LETTERS SS IN THESE WORDS ARE PRONOUNCED AS AN "SH"

sh'oo	sh'oo-z	sh'oo-d	sh'oo ing	
issue	issues	issued	issuing	issuance
reissue	reissues	reissued	reissuing	
tissue	tissues			

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00: argue 9.25, value 6.05, statue 9.35, statues 17.10, issue 11.25, issues 13.05

Spelling Demons: argue argument

Homophones: Q/cue/queue hue/Hugh/hew hues/Hughes/Hugh's/hews

Related Families: O GO p. 308, OE TOE p. 309, OW GROW p. 310, OWE LOWE p. 311, OUGH DOUGH p. 311, O DO p. 312, OO BOO p. 312, OE SHOE p. 313, OUGH THROUGH p. 313, U FLU p. 313, UE BLUE p. 314

FANCY FAMILIES: EAU BEAU, AU GAUCHE -- p. 949

¹See *The Case of the Invisible Y (or Why is there a y in you and not in union, Eunice, and euchre?)* by Don McCabe. AVKO Great Idea Reprint Series #619.

ue (y'oo)¹ rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ew (blew) and -ou (you) rimes.

cue	My aunt has her own pool cue. She can really play pool.
rescue	Why would a fireman rescue a cat that climbed up a tree?
rescues	Every year the coast guard rescues stranded ice fishermen.
rescued	The firefighter who rescued my father was my sister!
barbecued	My friend Barbie barbecued some ribs. They were awful.
barbecuing	Barbecuing ribs is my specialty. Barbie's is barbecuing chicken.
barbecue	I love going to a barbecue at the Bar-B-Q ranch.
argue	It doesn't pay to argue. Win an argument and lose a friend.
argues	My friend Dan argues on both sides of any argument.
arguing	Dan is always arguing. You can't win an argument from him.
value	It isn't always easy to teach people the value of money.
values	It seems that everybody's values are not the same.
valued	I have always valued your friendship.
continue	I will continue to argue that personal values are important.
continues	Hugh continues to argue even after everybody has left.
continued	Hugh's arguing continued all through the night.
continuing	Why he keeps continuing to argue is beyond me.
queue	A queue is not a cue or a Q , it's a line you stand and wait in.
queues	The Chinese style pony tails for men are also called queues .

tue (choo) rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ue (blue) and -ou (you) rimes.

statue	Why are you standing like a statue ? You can't a stat chew !
statues	The cows were all standing like statues in Oklahoma!
virtues	Did Vir choose to name all the virtues ?
virtue	Honesty is a virtue. Pride is a vice.
virtual	Are you acquainted with virtual reality?

ssue (shoo) rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ew (blew) and -ou (you) rimes.

issue	Please don't make a big issue out of this.
issues	Do you have any back issues of The Readers Digest?
issued	They issued me a new license for my car after it was stolen.
issuing	How many new gun permits are they issuing every day?
reissuing	The reissuing of the building permits was held up.
reissue	Why should you have to reissue anything?
tissue	When my baby sister says, "wanna tissue" she wants to kiss you.
tissues	I go through a box of tissues each time I catch cold.

¹All these words have an "invisible" y before the letters ue. See "The Case of the Invisible Y or Why is there a Y in You but Not in Union?" *Great Idea Reprint Series*, p. 206. Clio, Mich.: AVKO Foundation, 1995.

ight Right (“RYH’t”) Family

See rhyming family -ite kite p. 357

YH’t	YH’t-ss	YH’t-id	YH ting		
right ^(3.25)	rights ^(5.90)	righted	righting	rightly	righteous
fight ^(3.55)	fight	fought	fighting ^(5.05)	fighter	fighters
sight ^(6.15)	sights	sighted	sighting	unsightly	
light ^(2.90)	lights	lit/ lighted ^(6.15)	lighting	lighter	lightly ^(6.20)
night ^(1.70)	nights ^(3.80)			first-nighter	nightly
might ^(4.80)			mighty ^(7.85)	mightily	
bright ^(3.65)			brighter	brightest	brightly
tight ^(6.10)	tights	tightness	tightest	tighter	tightly

Power Vocabulary

delight ^(5.05)	delights	delighted ^(7.00)	delighting	delightful ^(6.85)	delightfully
copyright	copyrights	copyrighted	copyrighting		
swordfight	swordfights		swordfighting	swordfighter	
knight	knights	knighted	knighting	knighthood	
moonlight	moonlights	moonlighted	moonlighting	moonlighter	
slight ^(8.05)	slights	slighted	slighting	slightly ^(9.75)	

More Power Vocabulary

fright ^(5.25)	flight ^(6.75)	wright	highlight	food fight	sword fight
dogfight	bullfight	gunfight	water fight	fist fight	strobe light
night light	ultra-light	headlight	floodlight	candlelight	limelight
house light	sidelight	flashlight	twilight	taillight	penlight
sunlight	lamplight	plight	starlight	footlight	spotlight
streetlight	window light	daylight	skylight	blight	fly-by-night
midnight ^(5.55)	tonight ^(2.20)	overnight	all right	“alright” ¹	ultra-right
forthright	downright	upright	outright	playwright	millwright
Cartwright	Wainwright	Lillian Wright	out-of-sight	bombsight	hindsight
eyesight	foresight	insight	insightful	oversight	skintight
airtight	watertight	uptight	Dwight	sleight	height ^(12.45)

See pp. 859-860 for more words using the -en suffix

brighten	brightens	brightened	brightening	brightener	brightly
frighten ^(10.05)	frightens	frightened	frightening ^(11.45)		
tighten	tightens	tightened	tightening		
lighten	lightens	lightened	lightening	bolts of lightning ^(11.35)	
heighten	heightens	heightened	heightening		

Even More Power Vocabulary

tightfisted	tightlipped	tightfitting	tightrope	tightwad	tightwire
sightsee	sightless	righthanded	right-to-life	right-to-live	right-to-die
right-to-know	right-to-work				

Homophones: right/rite/write/wright might/mite night/knight sight/cite/site lightning/lightning light/“LITE”

Spelling Demons: tightened frightened lightning

¹Although the word “alright” follows a common pattern found in words such as *almost*, *although*, *albeit*, *already*, *altogether*, and *always*, and *although* we often find this misspelling in books, magazines, and newspapers, it is still considered a misspelling, albeit an understandable one. The word “alright” should always be spelled as two words, *all right*. All right, already?

ight	rhymes with the -ite rime.
right	Okay, Mr. Wright , let's write "a religious rite " the right way.
rights	Should animals have rights just like people do? Mosquitoes, too?
upright	Not many animals can walk upright.
all right	All right , some writers write alright when they shouldn't.
fight	Who wrote "play all day" and "fight all night"?
fighting	I wish the two of you would stop your fighting.
might	I just might find a mite hidden in the dynamite.
night	Did Al Knight really play, "Night and Day" all night ?
tonight	Is tonight the night?
knight	Can you see a knight in shining armor at night ?
knighthood	Could a night in the hood help you achieve knighthood?
midnight	Why do they call midnight, the witching hour?
sight	Get out of my sight or I'll cite your building site.
unsightly	Your site is so unsightly it should be razed.
hindsight	It's too bad it's not foresight instead of hindsight that is 20-20.
insight	Does that give you any insight into the human condition?
light	Is there really a light at the end of the tunnel?
lighting	Lighting up cigarettes is hazardous to your health.
lightning	We saw a flash of lightning and then heard the thunder.
delight	On Thanksgiving, you can eat to your heart's delight.
delightful	Wasn't that just delightful?
highlight	Learning when and how to highlight was the highlight.
flashlight	Does anybody have a flashlight I can borrow?
slight	All I want is just a slight advantage over you.
slightly	You're more than just slightly insane—you're nuts!
tight	Who put the cap on the jar so tight?
tighten	It looks like we'll have to tighten our belts.
tightened	Tom tightened the lug nuts with the lug wrench.
brightened	The smile collector really brightened my day.
brighten	Doesn't a smile always brighten your day?
frighten	I really didn't mean to frighten you.
frightening	Is the thought of making someone happy that frightening?
lighten	I wish you would just lighten up a little.
lightened	We lightened our load by throwing out the extras.
lightening	When the sky is lightening up it's getting lighter.
lightning	We saw a flash of lightning and then heard the thunder.

ARF SCARF ("SKAH'r-f") FAMILY

AH'r-f	AH'r-f's	AH'r-f't	AH'r fing
arf arf barf scarf (8.25)	barfs scarfs scarves	barfed	barfing

ARGE LARGE ("LAH'r-j") FAMILY

AH'r-j	AH'r jiz	AH'r-j'd	AH'r jing	AH'r jur
charge (4.25) large (2.70)	charges (5.55)	charged (5.85) largely (9.05)	charging (6.55) larger (3.20)	charger largest (4.05)

Power Vocabulary

enlarge recharge discharge (8.35) overcharge undercharge surcharge barge Marge margin (11.70)	enlarges recharges discharges overcharges undercharges surcharges barges Marge's friend Margory margins	enlarged recharged discharged overcharged undercharged barged	enlarging recharging discharging overcharging undercharging barging	enlarger	enlargement
				marginal	marginally

ARK PARK ("PAH'r-k") FAMILY

AH'r-k	AH'r-k's	AH'r-k't	AH'r king	AH'r kur	
park spark bark mark (2.45) dark	parks sparks barks marks (4.10)	parked sparked barked marked (4.80)	parking sparking barking marking	Mr. Parker sparkle barker marker darker	
					darkest

Power Vocabulary

hark remark embark aardvark darken hearken market (2.95)	harks remarks (5.05) embarks Ozarks darkens hearkens markets	harked remarked embarked unmarked darkened hearkened marketed	harking remarking embarking darkening hearkening marketing	remarkable	remarkably
				darkness (5.95)	

More Power Vocabulary

arc meadowlark hallmark stark	Joan of Arc trademark Denmark quark	narc benchmark watermark landmark	ark birthmark snark shark	lark pockmark ballpark bulwark	skylark bookmark Highland Park
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Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Homophones: marks / Marx arc / ark

Spelling Demons: marginally remarkably

arf (AH'r-f)

arf, arf	Some dogs go “Bow, wow!” Others just go “Arf, arf.”
barf	Do sentences like that make you want to barf?
barfing	Barfing can be described as praying to the porcelain god.
scarf	I get a new scarf for my birthday every year.
scarfs	No, I don't have a hundred scarfs. Fifty, maybe.

arj (AH'r-j)

large	It's not wise to carry large sums of cash around with you.
charge	My dad hates to pay cash. He would rather charge things.
charging	Who went charging up San Juan Hill? Teddy?
recharge	Every spring, we have to recharge all our batteries.
discharge	The U.S. Army decided to discharge the injured soldier.
discharging	The private injured himself while discharging his duties.
overcharge	I hate it when a store decides to deliberately overcharge you.
barge	Have you ever been on a barge?
barging	You shouldn't just go barging into people's houses or rooms.
Marge	Marge doesn't like people to barge in on her when she's reading.
margin	I like to write notes in the margin of books that I'm reading.

ark (AH'r-k)

park	You shouldn't park where there are NO PARKING signs.
spark	One spark from a sparkler sparked a grass fire last July.
bark	Our dog doesn't bark. He growls.
barking	As long as a dog is barking, it can't bite.
mark	When the teacher gave Mark Marx a high mark , Mark's marks markedly improved.
marks	Did Groucho Marx receive high marks in school?
dark	My little sister is still afraid of the dark.
darker	It's darker at night when it's cloudy out.
hark	Did herald angels sing “Hark!”? Hark means “Pay attention!”
stark	Adam and Eve were created stark naked.
ark	Have you heard Bill Cosby's version of Noah and his ark?
lark	Clark has a lark. I threw that one in for a lark.
shark	I can't believe anybody would want a shark for a pet.
hallmark	What exactly is a hallmark? Goofy sentences, that sometimes make you think, is my hallmark.