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#### HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

*Word Family Stories* contains 31 delightful reproducible mini-books with humorous, decodable story texts. These stories will introduce children to 31 word families, unlocking the key to dozens of words that will become instantly recognizable.

Why are word families important? Word families, or phonograms, are the building blocks of words. Each phonogram is the remainder of the word left when the opening sound is taken away. By practicing reading within a word family, students can boost their word power and can decode words readily. As children learn that words contain chunks of letters that create recognizable sounds, their reading confidence grows.

**Directions:** Reproduce a storybook for each child. Cut out the pages along the dashed lines and then collate and staple them together in numerical order.

For specific reading suggestions and activities, turn to the last page of each mini-book for additional ideas and the word family list.

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