-ate Word Family List

ate  late  calculate
crate  mate  create
date  plate  debate
fate  rate  donate
gate  skate*  
grate  slate
hate  state
Down in the Garden

(ate)
(Tune: Over in the Meadow)

Down in the garden where the veggies are so green,
was Little Easter Bunny munching on a lima bean.
Run Easter Bunny, don’t you know it’s getting late?
But he ate and he ate ’til he had a tummy ache!
Hop, hop, nibble, nibble, hear that bunny crunch.
Little Easter Bunny wants a carrot for his lunch.
Run Easter Bunny, don’t you know it’s getting late?
So he ran and he ran ’til he reached the garden gate!
Stop! Stop! Wiggle! Wiggle! Do the bunny squeeze.
Little Easter Bunny knows he ate too many peas.
Run Easter Bunny, don’t you know it’s getting late?
So he scrunched and he scrunched right under the gate!
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Read the following sentences, saying the word "skate" when you come to a blank space. Use words from the -ate family to fill in the blanks and make sense. Reread your sentences to double check your choices! Some words might be used twice!

1. I can’t believe I _____________________ the whole thing!
2. A __________ is a very sticky, chewy fruit.
3. Did you put your _______________ in the dishwasher?
4. It’s not good to be _____________________ to school.
5. Love is the opposite of _____________________.
6. Mom, may I _____________________ the cheese for the spaghetti?
7. Do you like to ice _____________________ or rollerblade?
8. Dad put up a _______________ to keep the puppy in the yard.
9. “Be sure to tag the _______________ for a homerun,” said Coach.
10. My big sister had a _______________ for the school dance.
11. Who did you _________________________your story to, Nate?
12. Do all bears ____________________________ in the winter?

Word Bank

date  ate  grate  plate  dedicate
hate  skate  late  gate  hibernate
Say the name of each picture. If the picture belongs in the *-ate* family and rhymes with *skate*, add *-ate* to finish writing the word.

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**Suffix City: ate**

Look at the root words on the left. Use your magnetic letters to add -s, -ed and -ing to make new words. Drop the e before adding -ed and -ing. Write the new words in the boxes below.

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Skate! I skated. I'm skating! I'm falling!
ate Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. sounds like great
3. round, flat dish
5. the month, day, and year
7. to sleep all winter
9. one of a pair

Down
1. a door in a fence
2. past tense of eat
4. opposite of early
6. California is a . . .
7. opposite of love
8. to set a value on something

Word Bank
mate  gate  state  hibernate  rate  hate
date  plate  late  grate  ate