



a



short a, as in apple

Say the three sounds, slide them together, then check the picture. Cut along the dashed lines for flash cards.



cat



hat



bat



mat



rat



can



man



pan



fan



van



cap



map



nap



sad



bag



tag



ham



jam



yam



dad



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Every word here has the short a sound, /a/ as in apple. Start with the word families; save the stretch words for late kindergarten and 1st grade.

Word families change the first sound, keep the ending

-at	cat	hat	bat	mat	rat	sat	pat	fat	vat
-an	can	man	pan	fan	van	ran	tan	ban	
-ap	cap	map	nap	tap	lap	gap	sap	zap	yap
-ag	bag	tag	rag	wag	nag	sag	lag		
-ad	dad	sad	mad	bad	had	pad	lad		
-am	ham	jam	yam	ram	dam				
-ab	cab	lab	tab	dab	jab				

Words that start with short a in apple, only the first sound is short a

am at an add and ant ask ax act apple

Stretch words blends and digraphs, late K and 1st grade

blends	flag	clap	crab	snap	glad	plan	trap	grab	clam	slap
end blends	stamp	hand	sand	lamp	camp	fast	mask	raft		
digraphs	that	chat	bath	math	path	cash	dash	back	black	
long words	catnap	backpack	handstand	sandbag	bathmat					

Read it out loud

1. The **cat** **sat** on a **mat**.
2. **Dad** **had** a **hat** and a **bag**.
3. A **fat** **rat** **ran** and **ran**.
4. The **jam** is in the **pan**.
5. **Sam** **can** **nap** in the **van**.

Watch out, these have an a but not the short a sound: **was, what** a says "uh" **want** a says "ah"
all, ball a says "aw" **car, father** a says "ah" **cake** magic e makes a long



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