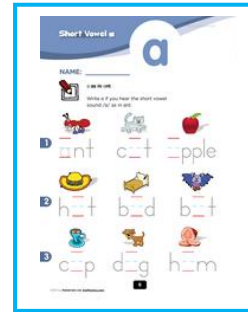


## Short Vowel a (page 4)



### Materials:

- letter flashcards Aa-Zz
- **short vowel a** flashcard
- picture cards (ant, cat, apple, hat, bed, bat, cup, dog, ham and any other picture cards with or without the **short vowel a** sound)
- string or 2 hula hoops
- page 4

### Review: 3-5 minutes

- Mix up the letter flashcards and show them to the students one at a time.
  - *Hint:* You should develop a routine when doing this.
  - Teacher: "Letter?" Students: "A."
  - Teacher: "Sound?" Students: "/a/."
  - *Hint:* For older children you can also set a timer to see how long it takes them to get through all the letters saying the letter name and sound. You can record this time and let the students try and get a better time each day.
- You can also play a game to review the letter names and sounds called Around the World.
  - Have one child start and stand behind another child in the group. (The child in back is standing; the child in front is sitting.)
    - They can be sitting at their seats or on the floor, but it is easier if they are in some kind of a circle.
  - Show the two children a flashcard.
  - The first one to say the letter name and sound gets to move on.
    - If it is the child already standing up, they move behind the next person.
    - If it is the child sitting down, they get up and stand behind the next child and the child that was standing sits in that seat.
  - You continue on until someone has made it "around the world," standing behind all the children in the classroom.

**Preview:** 3-5 minutes

- Show the **short vowel a** flashcard while saying the letter name and letter sound and have the students repeat
  - Teacher: “A, /a/ /a/ /a/” Students: “A, /a/ /a/ /a/”
- Show a few picture cards for the words that have the **short vowel a** sound and say the name of the picture, emphasizing the **short vowel a** sound and have the students repeat
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ ant”; students repeat
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ cat”; students repeat
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ apple”; students repeat

**Modeling:** 5 minutes

- Show the students a picture card that has the **short vowel a** sound.
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ ant.” Since the word has the short vowel /a/ sound, crawl around like an ant.
- Show the students a picture card that doesn't have the **short vowel a** sound.
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ bed.” Since the word doesn't have the short vowel /a/ sound, sit in your chair.
- Repeat as many times as necessary with different picture cards.

**Guided Practice:** 5-7 minutes

- Play Relay Sort.
  - Make two circles at one end of the room. Label one **short vowel a** and one not **short vowel a**.
  - Divide the class into two teams.
  - Give the first students in each line a picture card. Use the picture cards from this lesson and any other cards that do or do not have the short vowel /a/ sound.
  - Teacher says go and the students move to the end of the room with the circles and place their picture card in the correct circle. Then they return back to line.
- Continue until all students have placed a card in a circle.
- Hold up each card and have the students tell you if it is in the correct circle and whether or not it has the short vowel /a/ sound.

**Independent Practice:** 5 minutes

- Explain how to do page 4.
  - *Hint:* Have an extra copy for you to model each part prior to giving it to the students.
- Pass out page 4 to each student.

**Assessment:** (during Independent Practice)

- As the students are completing page 4, monitor and give guidance/support/correction/praise, as needed.
- Use page 4 as a record and be sure to take note of students who may need more practice and/or instruction.

**Closure:** 1-2 minutes

- Review a few picture cards.
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ hat”; students repeat
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ bat”; students repeat
  - Teacher: “/a/ /a/ ham”; students repeat

