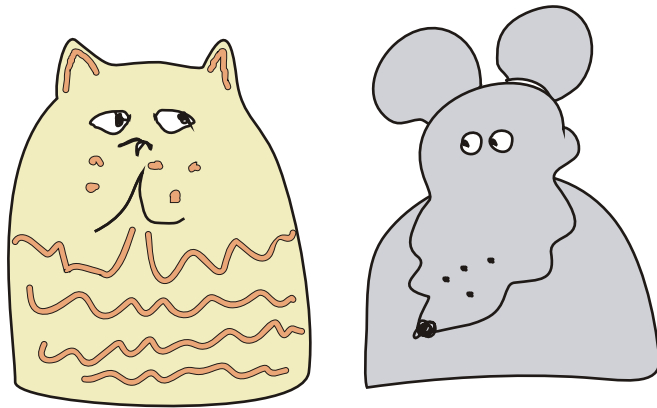


Book One

Short vowel
a



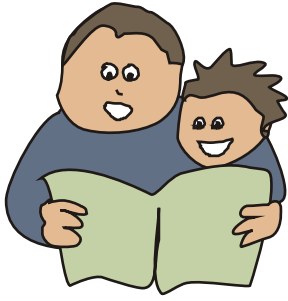
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A Progressive Phonics™ book

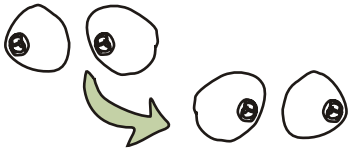
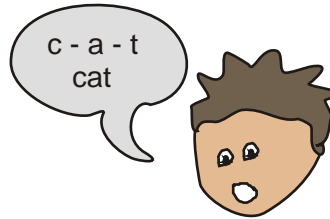
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Quick Start Guide



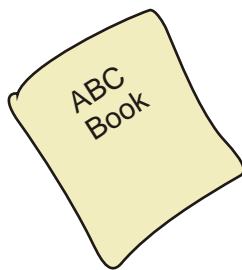
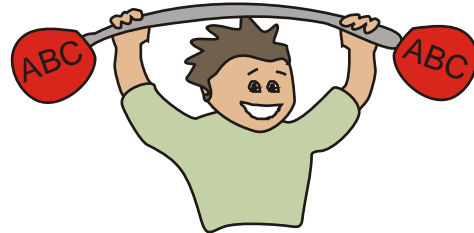
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



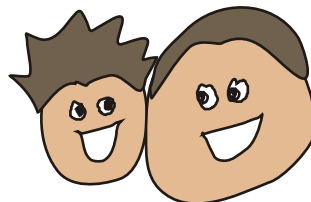
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

Don't rush it. Body builders don't train in a day, neither does a child.



If your child is having difficulty, he/she might need more practice with the alphabet. Get a fun book about the alphabet and read that lots of times. Then come back to Progressive Phonics.

And most important of all, **HAVE FUN!**



Short Vowel "a" contents

at bat cat fat hat mat pat rat sat

Can you see my little cat?
I want to buy a baseball bat
Every time I wear my hat
You tell me I can pat your rat
My cat is very big and fat
Pat mud pies with a baseball bat

bad dad had mad sad

When I was a baby
My mother said I had to be quiet
My sister says my manners are bad
I am mad at my dog
My cat is very sad today
My dad says he had a lot of hair

cab dab gab

A little dab of green
I like to ride in a taxi cab

bag gag wag

I do not want to eat this stuff
I gag when I eat tomatoes
I've got a bag of candy

am ham jam pam Sam yam

I am Sam
My name is Pam

an can Dan man pan ran van

My brother Dan
A man ran down the road

cap lap map nap rap tap yap

The map shows where the treasure is buried
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has as

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mix it up

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I can run as fast as your little feet

I sat down to take a nap

Put the ham in the pan

I am mad at my cat

A little cat was taking a nap



Can you see my little **cat**

I'd like to know where she is **at**

She's not the **cat** behind the tree

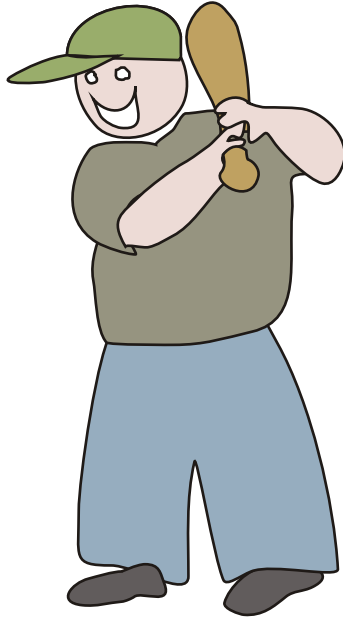
She's not the **cat** with a cup of tea

My **cat** is covered in orange stripes

My **cat** is wearing ballet tights

So have you seen my little **cat**

I'd like to know where she is **at**



I want to buy a baseball **hat**

I want to buy a baseball **bat**

I need a **bat** so I can play

Baseball, baseball every day

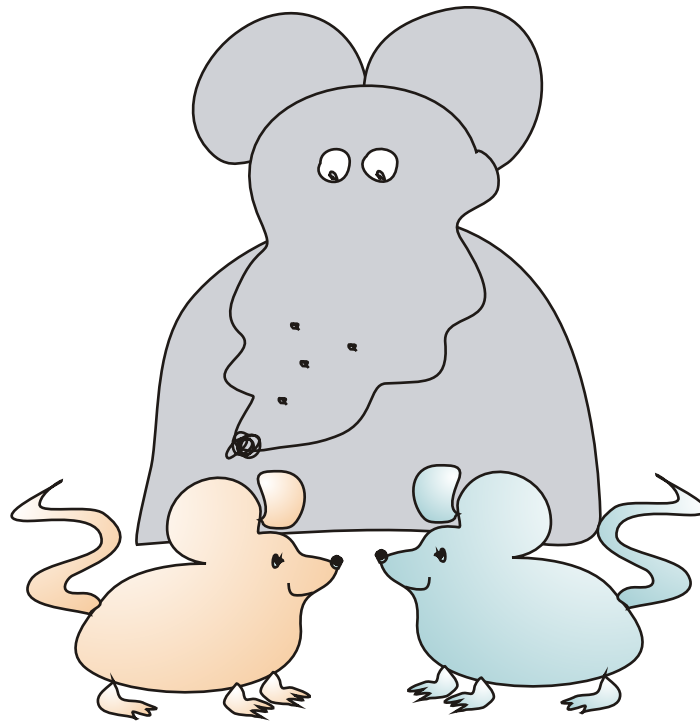


Every time I wear my **hat**

I cannot see where I am **at**

The **hat** is so big it covers my eyes

I need a **hat** that's more my size



You ask me if I want to pat your **rat**

But I don't want to pat your **rat**

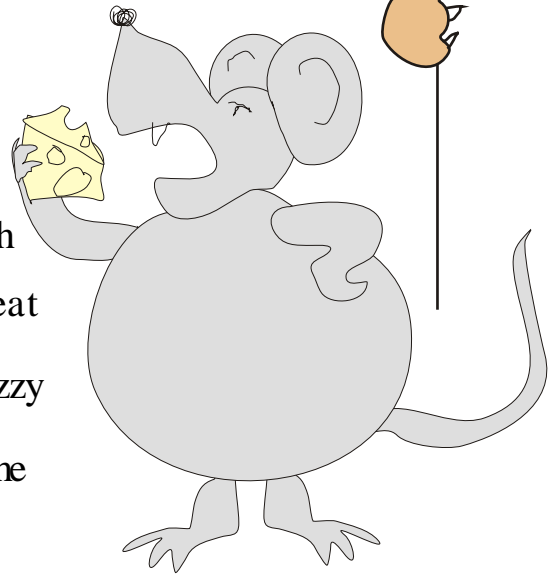
I'm sure your **rat** is very nice

But he's a **rat** and we are mice

My **cat** is very big and **fat**
She sleeps upon a big, **fat mat**
My **fat cat** likes to wear a **hat**
And my **fat cat** likes my brother's **rat**



Every day my big, **fat cat**
Sits beside my brother's **rat**
And smiling with her big, **fat** teeth
She dreams of the day when she can eat
My brother's **rat**, so warm and fuzzy
She wants to eat the **rat** because he
...is a **rat** and she is a **cat**
And that is all she thinks about that





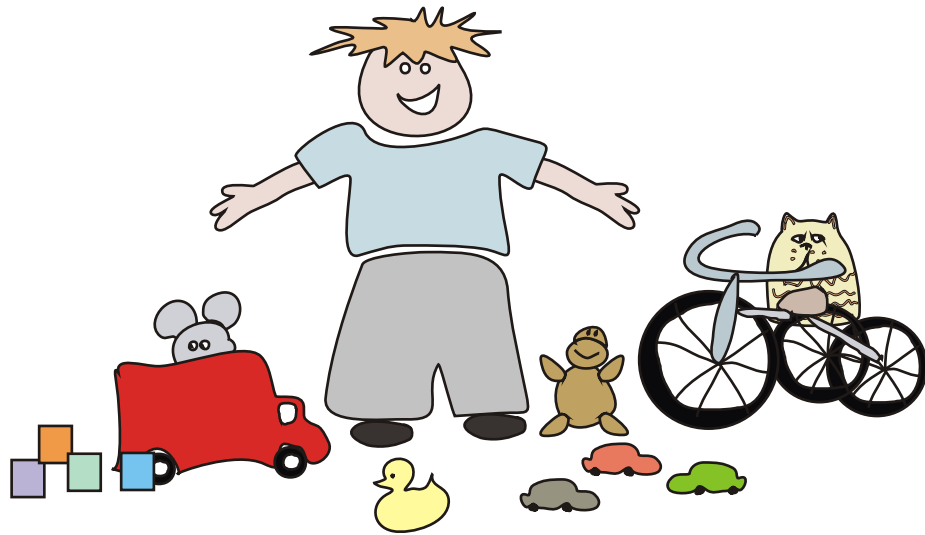
Pat mud pies with a baseball **bat**

Pat until they're nice and flat

Pat, pat, pat

With the **bat, bat, bat**

Pat until they're nice and flat



When I was a baby

I **had** a yellow duck

When I was two

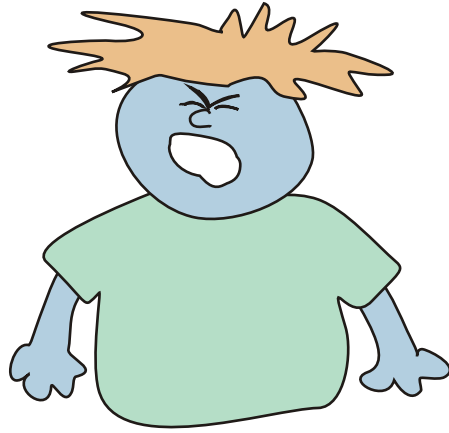
I **had** a red truck

When I was three

I **had** a chimpanzee

And now that I'm four

I have a lot more



My mother said I **had** to be quiet

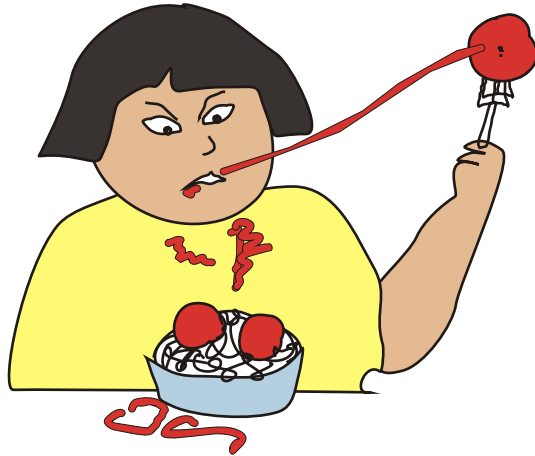
My sister said I **had** to go away

My brother said I **had** to share

My other brother said I **had** to go away

Why does everyone tell me what to do?

I think I'll scream until I turn blue



My sister says my manners are **bad**

She says it all the time

It's **bad** to spit

It's **bad** to burp

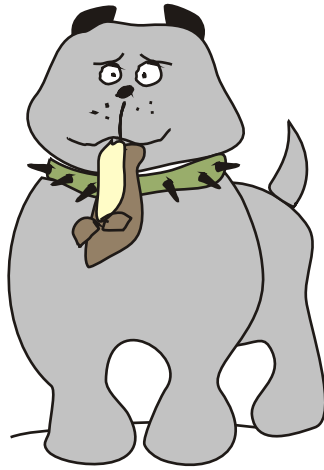
It's **bad** to run when you're inside

But then she said I **had** no manners

Which really made me **mad**

'Cuz if I **had** no manners

Then how could they be **bad** ?

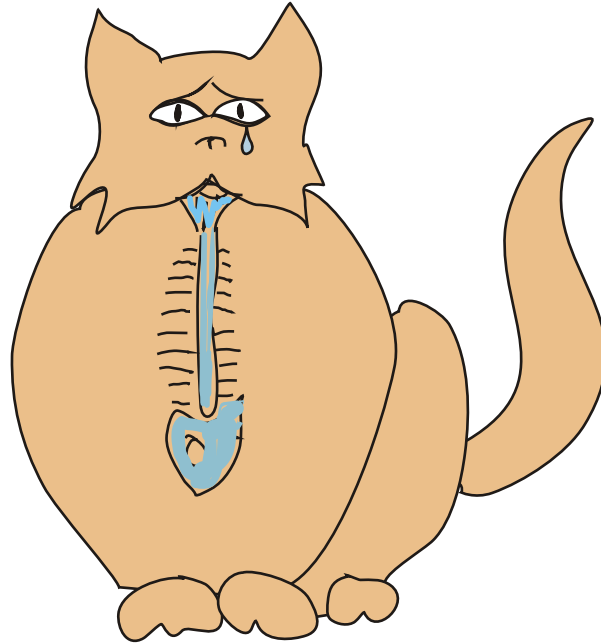


I am **mad** at my dog

My dog is **bad**

I **had** some shoes

Now they're doggie chews



My cat is very **sad** today

She is very, very **sad**

She is **sad** because our fish is gone

And she found his bones out on the lawn



My **dad** says he **had** a lot of hair

When he was really young

He says he **had** a nose so funny

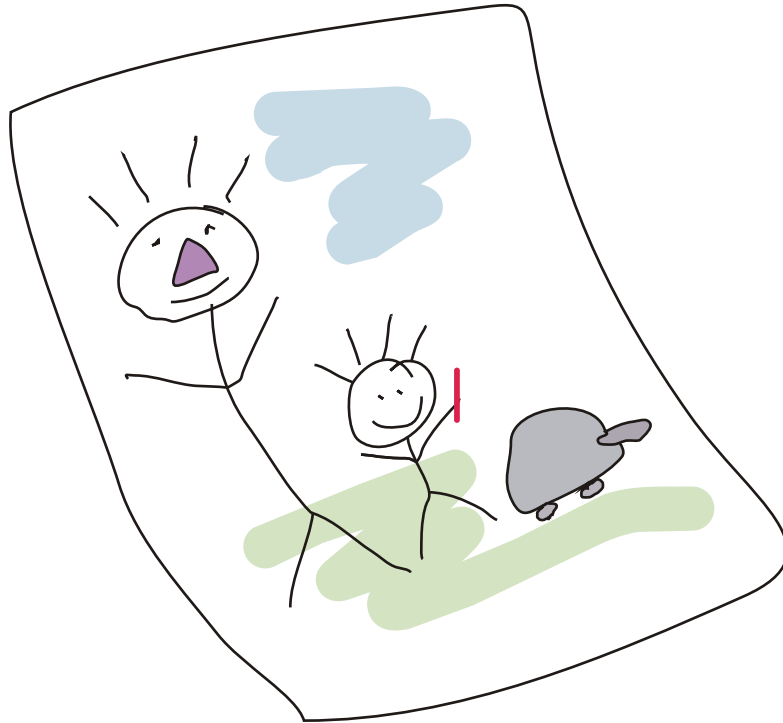
He also **had** a lot more money

But then my **dad had** kids

And it's really rather **sad**

I got the hair, Jim's nose is funny

But we wanna know, who got the money?



A little **dab** of green

A little **dab** of blue

I am making a picture

Of me and you

A little **dab** of grey

I think that's a turtle

A little **dab** of red

And your nose is purple

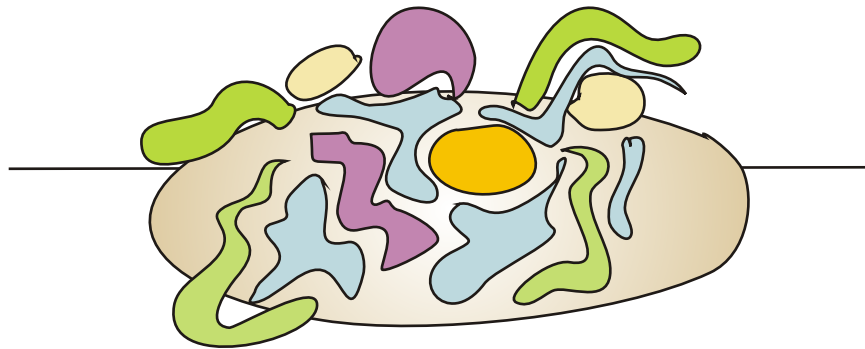


I like to ride in a taxi **cab**

I like when the driver likes to **gab**

When I grow up I will drive my own **cab**

I will talk as I drive, I will **gab, gab, gab**

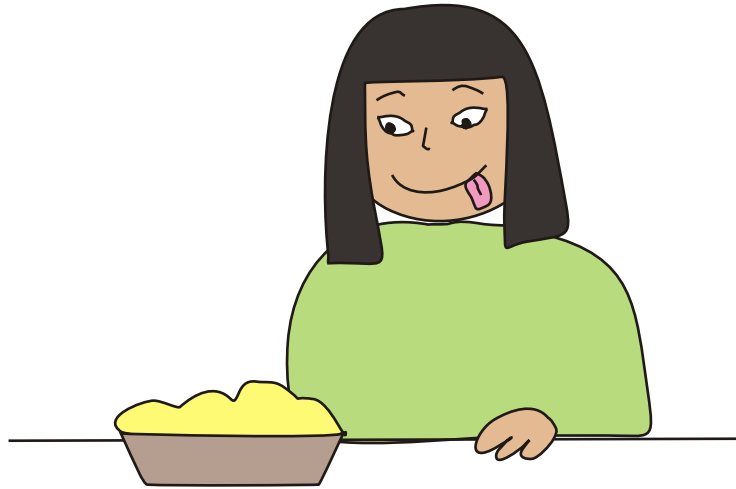


I do not want to eat this stuff

It makes me **gag** and throw it up

Let's put it in the garbage **bag**

If I don't see it, I won't **gag**

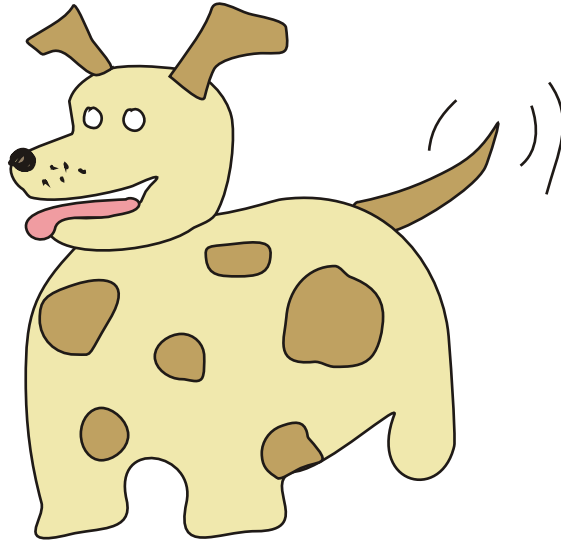


I **gag** when I eat tomatoes

I **gag** when I eat French fries

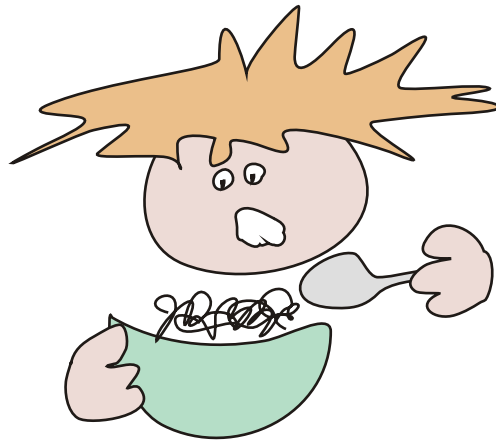
I **gag** when I eat most anything

Except banana pies



I've got a **bag** of candy
I've got a **bag** of treats
And if my dog can **wag** his tail
He'll get the **bag** to eat

If I had no **bag** of candy
And nothing else to eat
My crazy dog would still **wag** his tail
He does it in his sleep



I **am** Sam

I **am** five years old

I **am** very, very glad

I **am** eating from this bowl

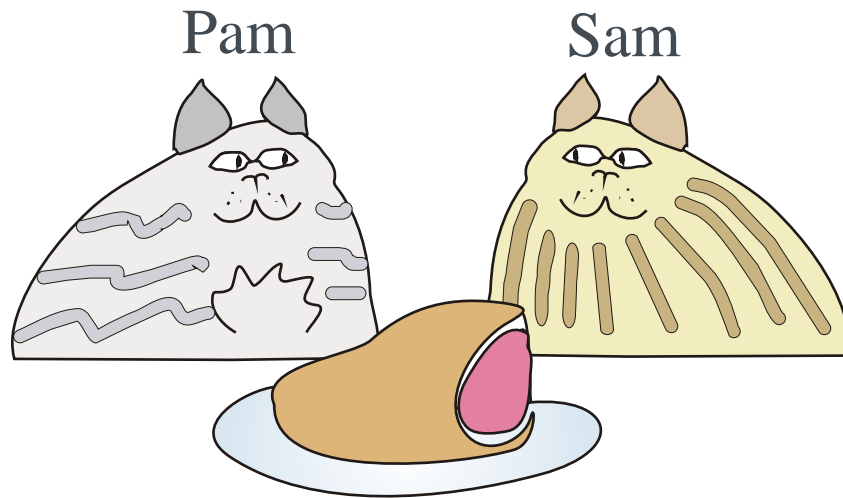
After I have eaten

I **am** going to brush my teeth

But ...

I **am** much too hungry

To do anything but eat



My name is **Pam**

I **am** a cat

I **am** glad I **am**

So nice and fat

I have a friend

His name is **Sam**

He eats a lot of

Honey **ham**

Sam likes to share

His **ham** with me

My name is **Pam**

And I like **ham**



My brother **Dan**

Can read this book

I **can** too

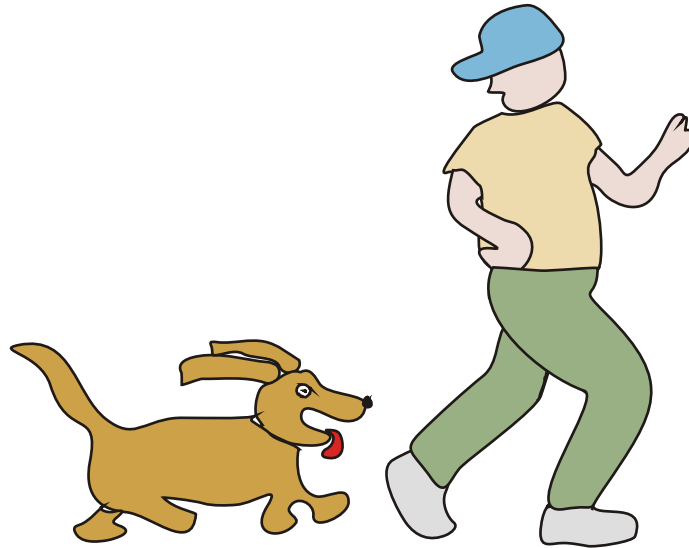
Dan let me look

Dan and I

Can read really well

Dan can also

Write and spell



A **man ran** down the road

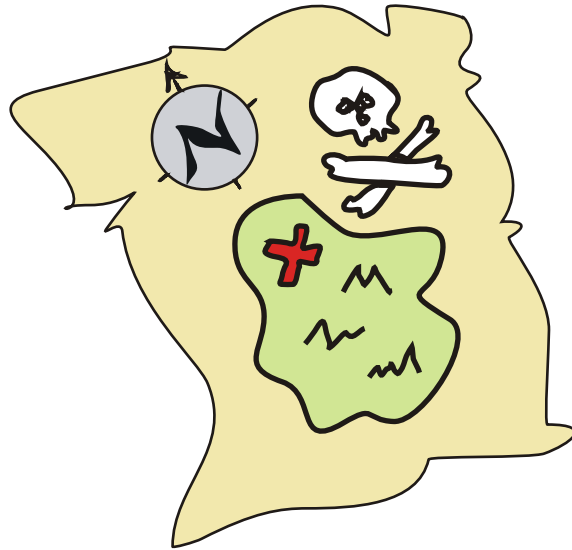
A dog **ran** too, but the **man** said, “No”

The **man ran** as fast as he could

The dog **ran** faster, boy, he was good

“Go away,” said the **man**, as he **ran** out of breath

But the dog didn’t listen, the dog was deaf



This **map** shows where the treasure is buried

I got the **map** from someone scary

I asked my mom to help me with the **map**

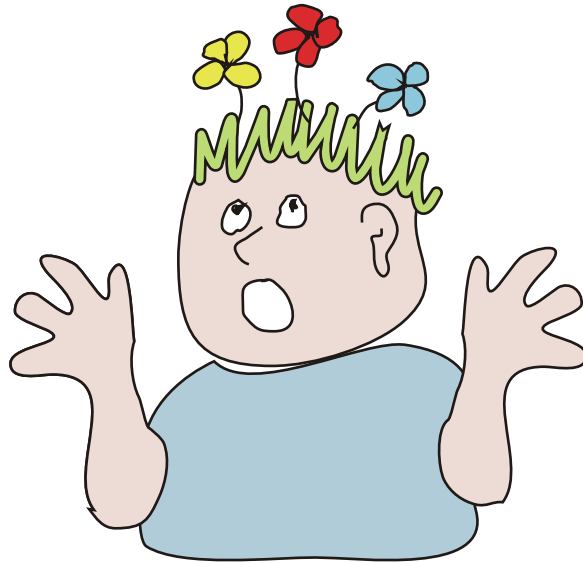
She said it was time to take my **nap**

It's hard to be a pirate when you're only three

It's hard to use a **map** when you can't even read

It's hard to take a **nap** when you're not even sleepy

I don't know what to do, being me isn't easy



I always wear my favorite baseball **cap**

I never take it off, not even for a **nap**

One day the windblew off my **cap**

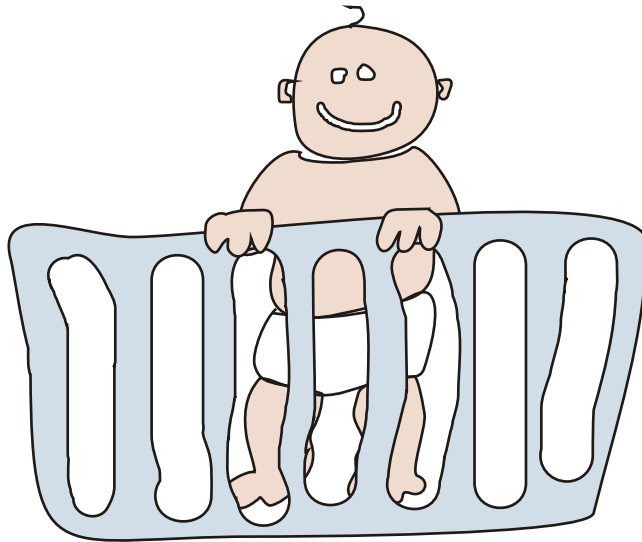
I did not know, I was taking a **nap**

When I went outside my friends all screamed

They were really scared, or so it seemed

“Put your **cap** back on,” they begged for hours

Where the **cap** once was I was growing flowers



Sometimes an “s” at the end of a word
Sounds like “zzz” like in buzz fuzz and was

Let’s try it...

My brother **has** a lot of toys

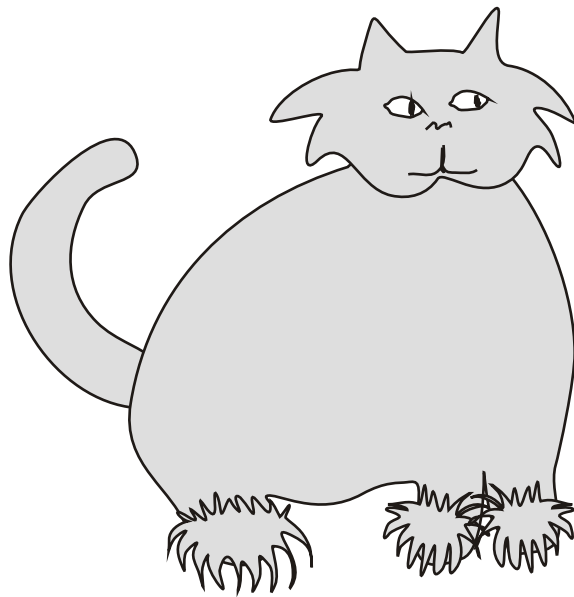
So why does he play with mine?

My brother **has** a lot of books

So why does he chew on mine?

I am glad my brother **has** a cage

I can’t wait until he’s more my age



My cat **has** eyes

My cat **has** teeth

My cat **has** a name

Miss Furry Feet

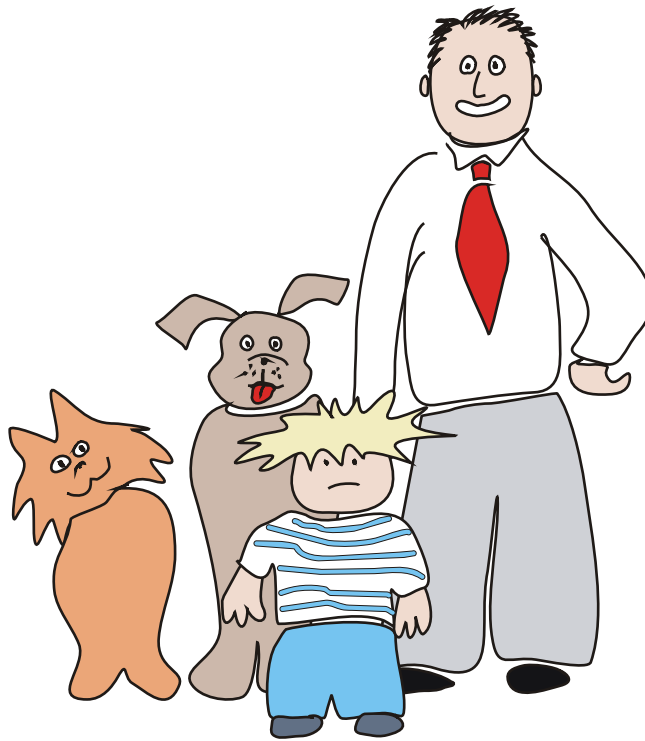


Johnny **has** to wash his face

Johnny **has** to brush his teeth

Johnny **has** to go to say goodnight

And Johnny **has** to go to sleep

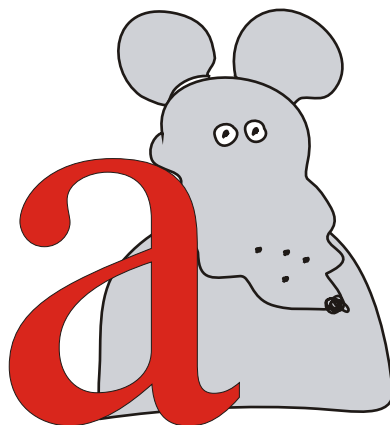


My cat is **as** big **as** a dog

My dog is **as** big **as** a wall

My dad is **as** big **as** a tree

And I'm smaller than them all



When you're reading, and you see an "A" all by itself, it usually means ONE of something.

Like.... a dog, a mouse, a car, a house....

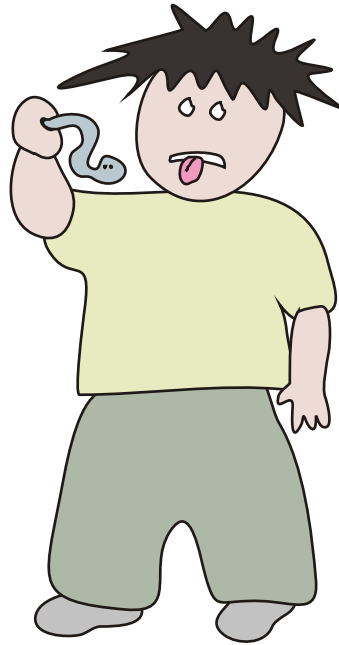
This kind of "a" doesn't sound like other A sounds... it usually sounds like this....

"uh" dog, "uh" mouse, "uh" car, "uh" house....

You try....

A man	a cat
A cap	a rat
A pan	a bat

Ler's practice.....



I like to play **a** silly game

The game is so silly

It doesn't have **a** name

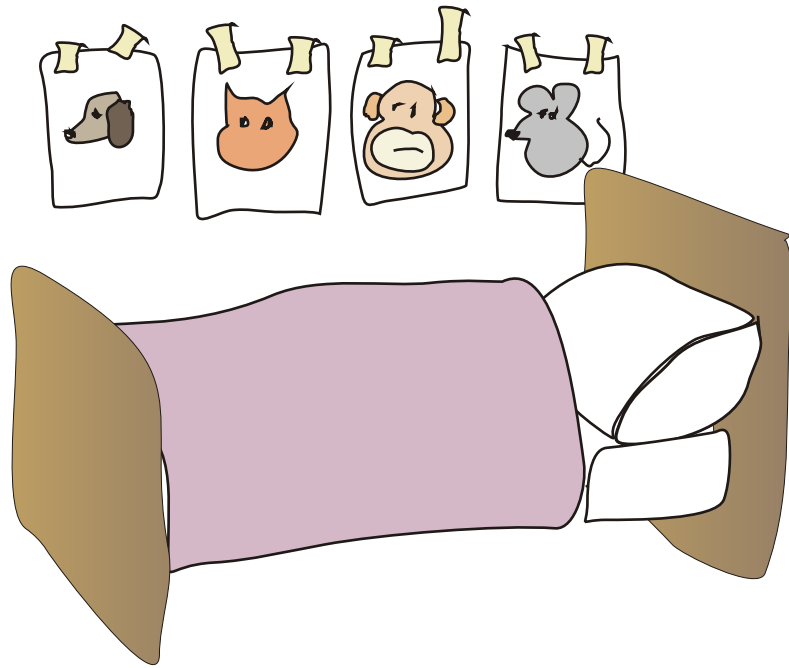
You climb **a** tree

You pretend you're **a** bird

You eat **a** lot of worms

That you dig from the dirt

Yuck!



I wish I had **a** puppy

I wish I had **a cat**

I wish I had **a** monkey

I wish I had **a rat**

But where would I keep them?

My room is very small

So I drew **a** picture of them all

And I put the pictures on the wall



The word “an” also means one of something..

It’s used sometimes instead of “a” –

Like....

An ant

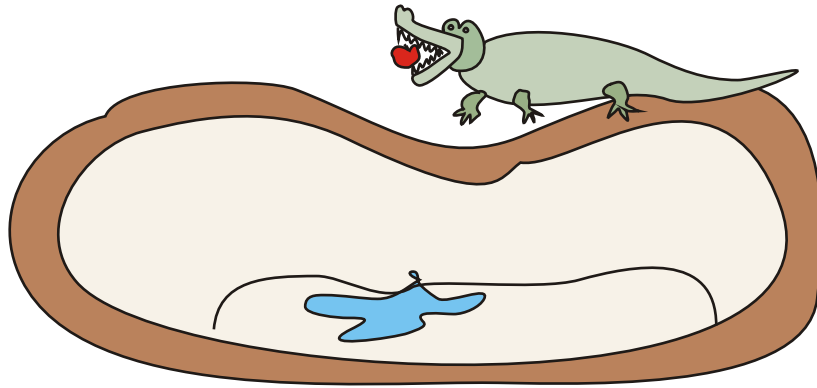
An elephant

An ice cream

An orange

An umbrella

Let’s practice.....

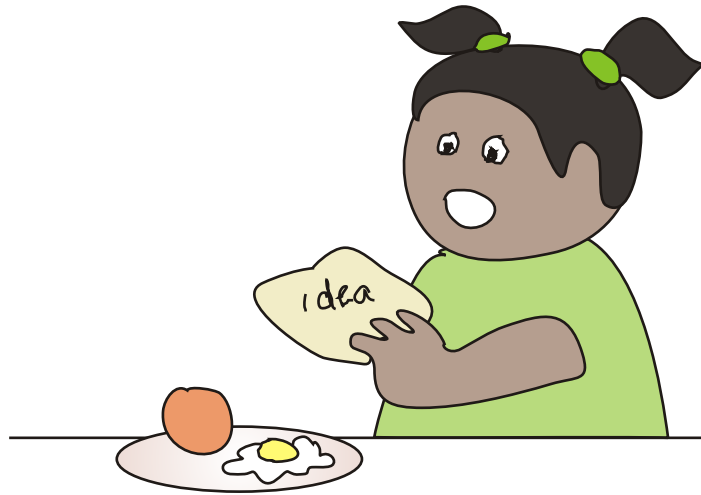


I saw **an** alligator eat **an** apple

As he sat by **an** empty pool

The alligator laughed and didn't jump in

He needs **an** awful lot of water to swim



I had **an** idea

An awful idea

Stuck inside my head

So I put the idea

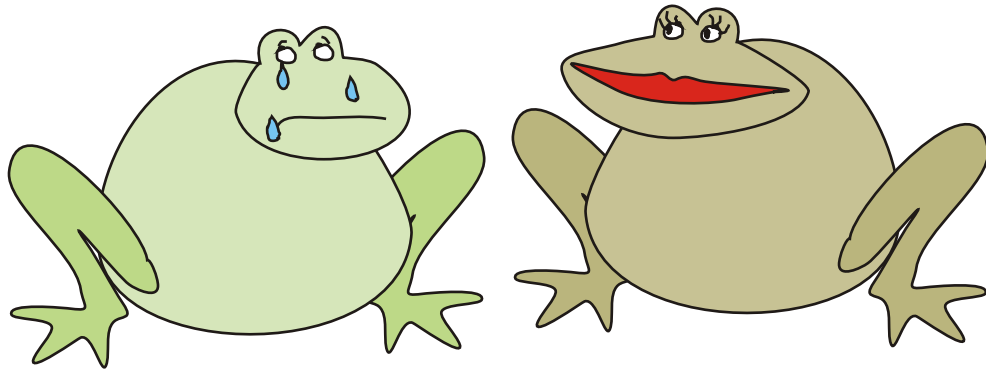
On **a** piece of bread

I swallowed it down

With **an** orange and **an** egg

Mix it
up

When the child is comfortable reading the Big Red Words in this book, the child is ready for “Mix It Up” – the part of the book where the child practices reading a variety of short vowel words.



“I **am an** ugly toad”

Said the toad to his wife

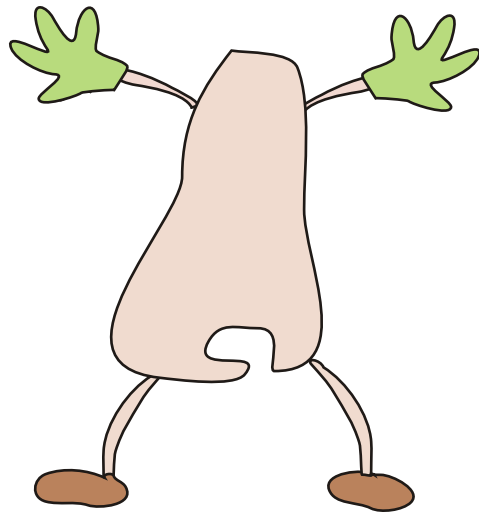
“I **am an** ugly, ugly toad”

His wife gave **a** smile

As wide **as a** mile

“You’re not ugly **at** all –

You’re snuggly!”

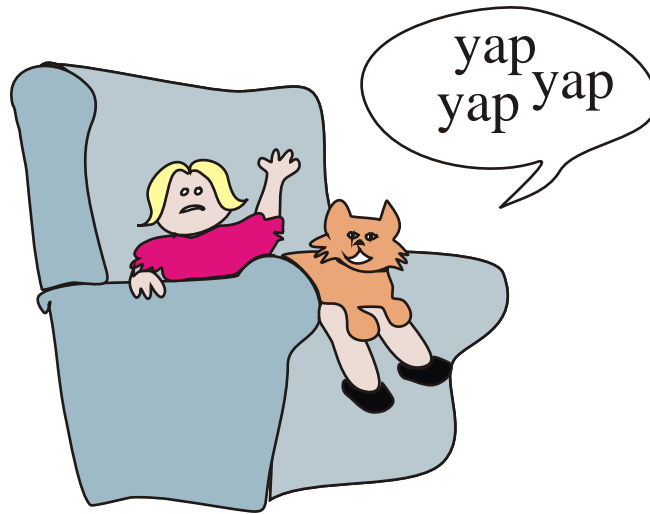


I **can** run **as** fast **as** your little feet

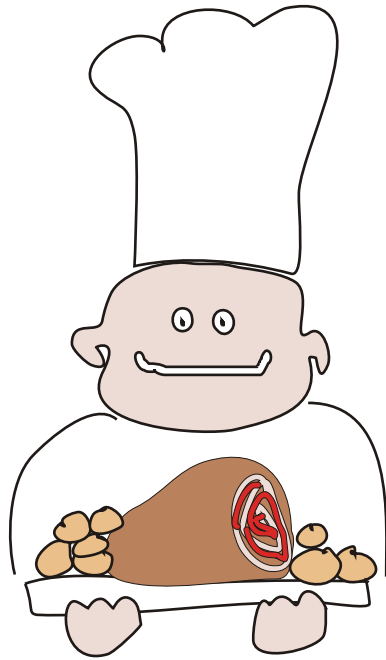
I have two little holes so that you **can** breathe

I **can** smell **as** good **as** your little toes

Can you guess what I **am**? I **am** your nose!



I **sat** down to take **a nap**
I **had** my **cat** and my teddy bear in my **lap**
I took off my **hat** and closed my eyes
Then the **cat** began to **yap**, oh, big surprise
I told my **cat** he **had** to be quiet
He talked **yap yap** about the food in his diet
I told my **cat** he had to cut the **yap**
So he closed his mouth and he took his **nap**



Put the **ham** in the **pan**

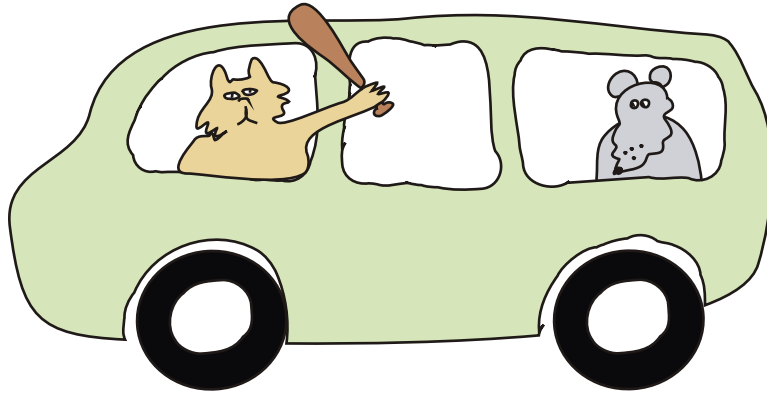
With some of that **yam**

A little **pat** of butter

A little **pat** of **jam**

Am I **a** good cook?

Oh, yes I **am** !



I **am mad at** my **cat**

I **am mad at** my **rat**

They **ran** away with my baseball **bat**

Did you know...

They were told to take **a nap**

But instead they took the **van**

They took **a can** of peas and

They took **a can** of **ham**

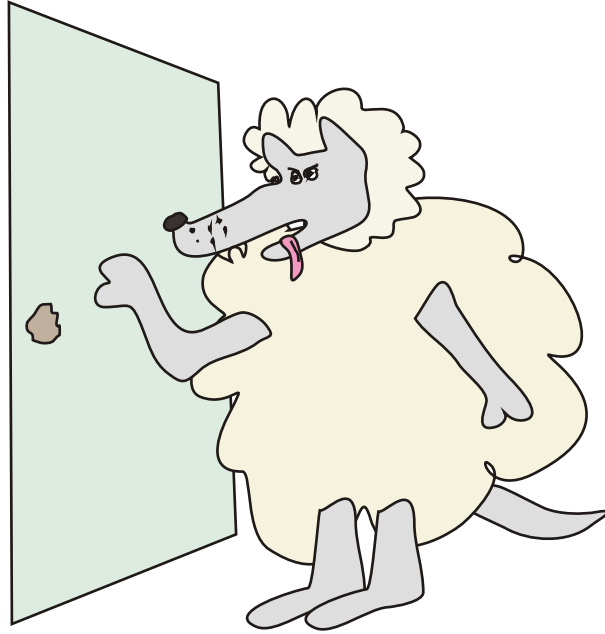
So if you see **a cat** and **a big, fat rat**

Driving in **a van** with **a** baseball **bat**

Tell them, please, to hurry back

Or I'll have to tell my **dad**

That they've been **bad**



A little **cat** was taking **a nap**

When someone **at** the door went **rap tap tap**

“Who’s there?” said the **cat**, still half asleep

“**A** big, **bad** wolf dressed up **as a** sheep”

“Go away,” said the **cat**, “I am taking **a nap**”

But still the wolf went **rap tap tap**



“Go away,” said the **cat**, “I **am** in the shower”

But the wolf went **rap tap tap** for **an** hour

Finally the **cat** dialed 911

“There’s **a** wolf **at** my door, and it isn’t any fun”

When the police showed up no wolf was there

Just the **cat** and his **nap**, snoring on the stair

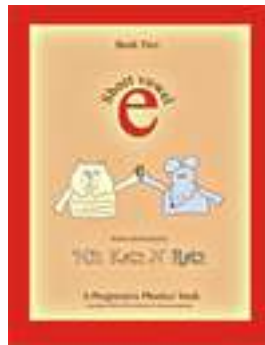
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