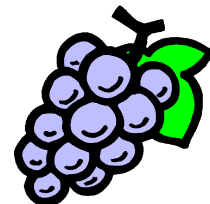
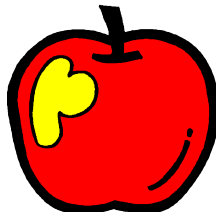
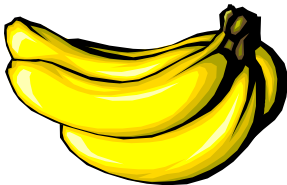
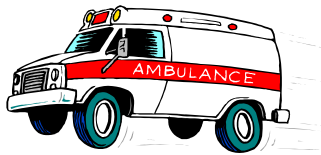
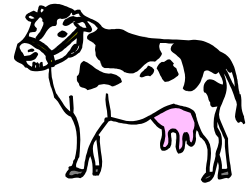
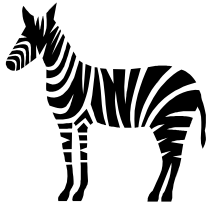


Short A makes the sound you hear at the beginning of the word apple.



Circle the pictures that begin with the **Aa** sound, ~~cross out~~ the pictures that do not.





Sometimes you hear the **Ää** sound in the *middle* of a word, such as in the word **rat**.



Circle the pictures that have the *middle* sound of **Ää**,
~~cross out~~ the pictures that don't.



Ăă

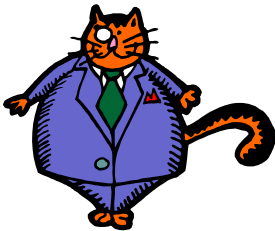
Draw a line from each picture to the matching word, then trace each word.



fat



rat



bat




cat



hat

Ăă


The letters for the picture names are mixed up.
Write them correctly on the lines.


h m a  _____

a t r  _____

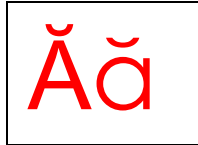
t b a  _____

t a h  _____

a c b  _____

m a j  _____

p m a  _____



Practice reading these Ää words.

ab

ad

am

an

cab

ad

clam

began

crab

bad

dam

can

dab

dad

ham

fan

drab

glad

jam

man

gab

had

lamb

pan

grab

lad

ram

plan

jab

mad

scam

ran

lab

pad

slam

tan

scab

sad

swam

van



More Ää reading practice.

ap

at

ax

cap

at

ax

clap

bat

fax

flap

brat

lax

lap

cat

max

map

chat

sax

nap

fat

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sap

hat

slap

mat

snap

pat

strap

rat

tap

sat

trap

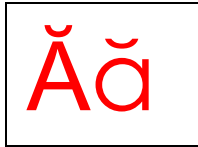
scat

wrap

splat

zap

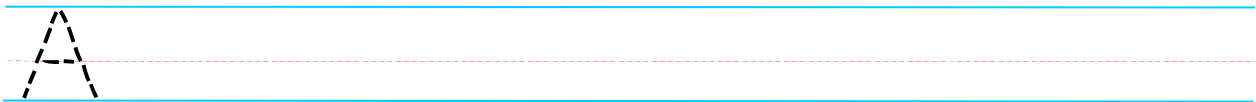
that



Circle the capital A's. Underline the lowercase a's.

A H o a c
N a C O A
A a H c a
M o A Y a

Trace the capital and small A's. Then practice writing them yourself on the lines below.





I can read words that say “at”

All these “at” words are in the poem below. Practice reading the word list, then try reading the poem.

at	fat	sat
bat	flat	scat
brat	hat	splat
cat	mat	that
chat	pat	vat



There was a **fat rat**
who lived in a **vat**.
His friend was a **bat**
who wore a red **hat**.



At half-past two,
the **rat** and the **bat**
sat on a **flat mat**,
having a fun little **chat**.



Then they saw the **brat**,
a **cat** named **Pat**.
The **rat** cried, “**Scat!**”
The cat pounced – **splat!**
And **that** was the end of **that!**



TEACHER NOTES, ANSWER KEYS, & GRADING RECORDS

Phonics: A Beginning Phonics, Short A

The vowels are a, e, i, o, u and sometimes letters w and y.

Short vowels: When there is a single vowel in a short word or syllable, the vowel usually makes a short sound. These short vowels usually appear at the beginning of the word or between two consonants.

Examples of short vowels are found in these words: cat, end, pig, log, bus.

Page 1

The following pictures should be circled:

ant, ambulance, axe, apple

These pictures should be crossed out:

zebra, cow, boat, tractor, saw, screwdriver, banana, grapes

GRADE: ____/12

Page 2

The following pictures should be circled:

cap, lamp, pan, bat, cat, fan, mad

These pictures should be crossed out:

sun, bike, broom, dog, boot

GRADE: ____/12

Page 3

Match pictures to 5 short a words

Trace 5 words

GRADE: ____/10

Page 4

Unscramble letters and write on lines

ham, rat, bat, hat, cab, jam, map

GRADE: ____/7

Page 5

Reading practice

GRADE: ____/36

Page 6

Reading practice

GRADE: ____/36

Page 7

There should be 4 capital A's circled

and 5 lower-case a's circled

Letter tracing and writing practice.

GRADE: ____/9

Page 8

There are 15 "at" words to read

GRADE: ____/15

Note: Words not traced as directed count as a wrong answer; an extra point for tracing is included in the possible grading total. Similarly, words traced that do not fit the criteria in the directions count as a wrong answer.