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Short a Sound

READ AND THINK Read each sentence. Think about the meaning and spelling of the underlined word.

map

ran

fat

can

bad

bag

cat

had

man

hat

Try to find our town on the map.

That little dog ran into our yard.

We played with the fat little kitten.

Open that can of beans for me.

That boy never has any bad luck.

I have a bag of chips in my locker.

Our cat has been a very good pet.

They had ham and milk for lunch.

The old man swam across the lake.

On cold days, I wear a warm hat.

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STUDY AND SORT Each word on this list has the same middle sound. It is the first sound you hear in **apple**. This sound is called the short **a** sound. It is often spelled with one letter.

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8.

1.-3. Write the words that end **-an**. Circle the letter that spells the short **a** sound.

9.

4.-6. Write the words that end **-at**. Circle the letter that spells the short **a** sound.

7.-10. Write the other words. Circle the letter that spells the short **a** sound.

10.

REMEMBER: The first sound you hear in **apple** is called the short **a** sound. The short **a** sound may be spelled **a**.

USE THE CLUES Write the word that fits each clue.

1. Change the vowel in **men**.
2. It begins like **cat** and rhymes with **fan**.
3. Change the first letter in **rag**.
4. Change the vowel in **mop**.
5. The past form of **have**. It rhymes with **sad**.
6. It is worn on the head.
7. You find this on most meat.

8.–10. PROOFREAD The boy or girl who made this poster spelled some words wrong. Cross out the words that are spelled wrong. Write the correct spelling on the lines.

Can you help me find my kat?

Fuzzy ren away from me. Fuzzy is black and white. He had on his red coat. I miss him very much. He is not a bade pet.

CHECK THE SPELLING Check the spelling of each word you wrote. Write the correct spelling of any word you spelled wrong on the **Words for Extra Study** list on page 62.

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