Short Vowel “A”

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For my Mom, who made it all possible.

Letters & words used in this book

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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.

Don’t rush it. Body-builders don’t train in a day – neither does a child.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!
Today we are going to practice the “ah” sound.

The “ah” sound is in lots of words, like --

(Read this page TO your child.)

animal alphabet

angry ant

act like an alligator.
"at" family

at
cat
hat
mat
rat
sat
Look, look, 
would you look at that?
That is not a hat, that is my cat.
My silly cat is scared of mice, so she hides on my head all day and night.
I tell my cat,

“Don’t be scared.
Mice can’t catch you way up there.”
Then one day
my cat said,
“Mice!”
I got so scared that I screamed twice.
“The cat in the window is looking at me,” said a bird who sat on the branch of a tree.
“No, no, no!” a second bird said. “The cat is looking at me instead.”
“The **cat** looks **at** me because I am better,” said bird number three as she flapped her feathers.
But the cat was a toy with glass eyes and stuffing, so the cat in the window was looking at nothing.
Three Cats And A Mat

We have three cats,
but only one mat.
So one cat sat on the mat.
Then the second cat sat on the cat that sat on the mat.
Then the third cat sat on the cat who sat on the cat on the mat.
And then they were happy.
How about that?
A rat went to the store to buy a hat.
The first hat was too big.
The second hat was too small.
The third hat was just right,
so the *rat*
ate it bite
by bite.
"an" family

can
man
nan
ran

Note 1: The word “an” will be in an Intermediate Phonics book because it is a grammatical lesson.
Note 2: Nan is a child’s name for a grandmother.
Can I jump higher than a tree?

Can I? Can I?

Little, tiny me?
Yes, I **can** jump higher than a tree. A tree can’t jump, tee, hee, hee, hee!

Tee, hee, hee is a silly way of laughing.
See this can of corn in my hand? I can eat it, yes, I can.
But a can of corn doesn’t taste very good, and a can of corn is as hard as wood.
A pair of shoes ran down the street.
A man ran too,
but he had bare feet.

“Hey!” said the man,

“Come back to me.”
“We **can**,” said the shoes, “when you wash your feet.”
My Nan

My nan can make good cookies.

“Nan” is a child’s name for Grandmother.
My nan can make a cake, oh, yes!
My **nan** said

I could make

something.
So, look! I made a mess!
“ad” family

dad

had

sad

Note: The word “bad” will be in Beginner Book 2 because the letter “b” is a difficult letter, and Beginner Book 2 addresses this problem.
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. Look at him, he looks like me!
I had to brush my hair, and I had to brush my teeth. Then I had to put socks and shoes on my feet.
Then I **had** to put a **hat** on top of my head.

Is this what you wear when you go to bed?
My dad said I could try his shoes. His dad shoes fit me fine.
But I would like to see my dad try to walk in mine.
I sat down to sing a song.
It was a sad, sad song.
And the sad song was too long.
“am” family

am
ram
Sam
I am as tall as a man!
Well... when I stand on a chair, I **am**.
I am Sam. I am a cat, and I am stuck inside a hat.
The **hat** is nice when it is snowing, but I can’t see where I **am** going.
A rat and a ram ran a race.

A ram is a boy sheep.
The ram ran faster,
so the rat put on skates.
“Cheater!” said the ram as the rat rolled by.
“I am the winner!”
said the rat.

“Bye-bye!”
But the **rat** wasn’t looking, and he **ran** into a tree.
“No,” said the 

**ram**, “the 

winner is me!”
The End

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