



Short A Words for Kids — All Grades

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Word List (43 words)

fan	tan	can	man	van
pan	ran	cab	jab	tab
cap	gap	sap	nap	tap
lap	rap	map	zap	sad
mad	had	dad	pad	lad
bad	mat	cat	rat	fat
pat	sat	bat	hat	jam
dam	ham	bag	wag	tag
lag	nag	lab		

Practice Sentences

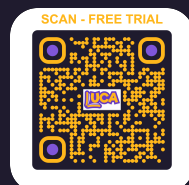
- 1 The cat sat on the mat.
- 2 Sam put on a big red hat.
- 3 Dad had a map in the van.
- 4 The bag is on the bed.
- 5 The fan blew cool air on Dad.
- 6 Mom had jam on her toast.
- 7 The cat had a nap on the mat.
- 8 Tom swung the bat at the fast ball.
- 9 The man ran to the van.
- 10 Dad had to tap the pan.
- 11 Ben was sad and mad today.
- 12 The rat ran in the lab.

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Teaching Tips

Sound it out

Point to each letter, say the sound, then blend all three sounds together smoothly. For example: /k/ /a/

Use it in a sentence

After your child reads a word, ask them to say a sentence using it. This connects decoding to meaning

Read it in a story

Move from isolated words to connected text. LUCA's StoryGen creates personalized decodable stories

■ Ready for the next step?

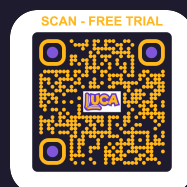
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