






First Sound Closed A One Syllable Words

vowel sound  **ă**

spelling pattern  **one a in a closed syllable**

key word  **cat**

cat fan bag ham

Mark the *a* in each of the above words. Circle the **key word** for the **ă** sound, **cat**.

Let's Review

Using the following words, print the correct word in the spaces below:

cat
vowel
consonant
closed
syllable
part
curved

The **ă** sound is also called the _____ **a** sound. The key word for the **ă** sound is _____.

A syllable is a word or a _____ of a word which has one _____ sound.

When a consonant comes at the end of a _____, we say that the syllable is closed.

The mark we put over a closed **a** is a _____ line. The spelling pattern for the **ă** sound is one **a** followed by a _____ or one vowel in a _____ syllable.

Did you answer all the questions correctly? If so, you're off to a good start with the A Family. If not, review before you go on.

Let's Spell

The vowel sound in each word will be **ă** as in **cat**.

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| 1. _____ | ● | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | ● | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | ● | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | ● | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | ● | 10. _____ |
| | ● | |

Activity #1

Use the context. Fill in the missing word on the numbered line. The vowel sound in each word will be **ă** as in **cat**.

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| 1. I wiped the car with the old <u>r</u> _____. | 1. rag |
| 2. We fried eggs in the <u>p</u> _____. | 2. _____ |
| 3. It is not safe to drive too <u>f</u> _____. | 3. _____ |
| 4. I carried my lunch in a <u>b</u> _____. | 4. _____ |
| 5. The beach is covered with <u>S</u> _____. | 5. _____ |
| 6. Babies need to take a <u>n</u> _____. | 6. _____ |
| 7. My grandfather is an old <u>m</u> _____. | 7. _____ |
| 8. When we travel we need a <u>m</u> _____. | 8. _____ |
| 9. Can you hold the baby on your <u>l</u> _____? | 9. _____ |
| 10. The bad news made him very <u>S</u> _____. | 10. _____ |

Let's Review

Read the paragraph. Fill in the blanks using the following words:

consonant syllable curved cat closed

The _____ sound of **a** is **ă**. The key word for the **ă** sound is _____.
 The mark we put over the closed **a** sound is a _____ line. The spelling pattern for the **ă** sound is one **a** in a closed _____. A closed syllable is a syllable which ends with a _____.

Activity #2

Read the words. Use each word in a sentence.

band	ham	am	task
back*	hand	pan	vast
cad	jam	pad	van
can	jack*	quack*	wag
dab	lad	quaff	wax
dad	last	raft	yam
fast	mad	rag	yak
fad	map	sand	zag
gas	nag	sap	zap
gag	nap	tag	

* The sound of **k** is sometimes spelled **ck**, as in **back, jack, quack**. Other examples are **sack, tack, pack**.

Activity #3

Use the context. Fill in the missing word on the numbered line. The vowel sound in each word will be **ă** as in **cat**.

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| 1. The dynamite made a loud <u>bla</u> _____. | 1. blast |
| 2. Some people like to <u>bra</u> _____. | 2. _____ |
| 3. The audience usually <u>cla</u> _____. | 3. _____ |
| 4. He is a mean old <u>cra</u> _____. | 4. _____ |
| 5. The box was so heavy we had to <u>dra</u> _____ it. | 5. _____ |
| 6. We salute the American <u>fla</u> _____. | 6. _____ |
| 7. Dan closed the door with a loud <u>sla</u> _____. | 7. _____ |
| 8. She drank her milk from a large <u>gla</u> _____. | 8. _____ |
| 9. The lawn was covered with green <u>gra</u> _____. | 9. _____ |
| 10. The train must stay on the <u>tra</u> _____. | 10. _____ |

Sometimes the consonant is doubled after the closed vowel, as in **glass** and **grass**. Other examples are **lass**, **mass**, **pass**.

Let's Spell

Listen for the first two sounds in each word. The vowel sound will be **ă**, as in **cat**.

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|----------|---|-----------|
| 1. _____ | ● | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | ● | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | ● | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | ● | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | ● | 10. _____ |

Activity #4

Read the words. Use each word in a sentence.

black	cram	frank	pram	span
blab	crack	grass	scan	stand
brand	drab	gland	slat	stab
brass	drank	plant	snap	swam
clam	flap	plan	snag	trap
class	flat	prank	spat	track

Write a sentence using each of the following words:

- brag _____
- crab _____
- flag _____
- drag _____
- stack _____

Activity #5

Use the context. Fill in the missing word on the numbered line. The vowel sound in each word will be **ă** as in **cat**.

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| 1. A famous Chinese detective is Charlie <u>Ch</u> _____. | 1. Chan |
| 2. Can you tell me who said <u>th</u> _____? | 2. _____ |
| 3. The man lived in an old <u>sh</u> _____. | 3. _____ |
| 4. You must write a polite letter of <u>th</u> _____. | 4. _____ |
| 5. There is a <u>sh</u> _____ rug on the floor. | 5. _____ |
| 6. He is the boxing <u>ch</u> _____ of the world. | 6. _____ |
| 7. Pam is taller <u>th</u> _____ Jan. | 7. _____ |
| 8. He hit the table with a loud <u>wh</u> _____. | 8. _____ |
| 9. A fake is a <u>sh</u> _____. | 9. _____ |
| 10. To have an informal conversation is to <u>ch</u> _____. | 10. _____ |

Let's Review

Read the paragraph. Fill in the blanks using the correct word.

The mark we use over the closed **a** sound is a _____ line. The key word for the closed **a** sound is _____. The spelling pattern for the closed **a** is one **a** in a _____ syllable.

When a syllable ends with a _____, the vowel sound is usually closed. When a syllable ends with a consonant, we say that it is a _____ syllable. Sometimes the _____ is doubled at the end of a word after the closed vowel, as in grass. The sound of **k** is often spelled _____, as in back.