Meet Annie Ant

The letter a makes the short sound /a/, like in ant.



Say it:

A a

/a/ as in ant

Words to read with short a

fat	cat	nap	tan
van	bad	bat	sat
bag	ant	ran	map

Helper words you will see

the a is in on and can has had

Warm-up for parents and teachers
Say /a/ together 3 times. Then read the 12 words, one at a time.
Ready? Turn the page for the first pyramid!

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Short A: Pyramid 1

Read each line. Each line adds one word. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 1 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The fat
3. The fat cat
4. The fat cat had
5. The fat cat had a
6. The fat cat had a nap.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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Short A: Pyramid 2

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 2 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. Dan
2. Dan has
3. Dan has a
4. Dan has a tan
5. Dan has a tan van.

Find the colored vowel in each word and say its sound.

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Short A: Pyramid 3

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 3 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. A
2. A bad
3. A bad bat
4. A bad bat sat
5. A bad bat sat in
6. A bad bat sat in a
7. A bad bat sat in a bag.

Clap once for each word in the last line.

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Short A: Pyramid 4

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 4 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The ant
3. The ant ran
4. The ant ran on
5. The ant ran on a
6. The ant ran on a map.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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Short A: Pyramid 5

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 5 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. Pam
2. Pam can
3. Pam can pack
4. Pam can pack a
5. Pam can pack a snack.

Point to each word. Read the new word, then read the whole line again.

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Short A: Pyramid 6

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 6 of 9

Read it 3 times

Color a star each time

1. Max
2. Max and
3. Max and Sam
4. Max and Sam ran
5. Max and Sam ran a
6. Max and Sam ran a lap.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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Short A: Pyramid 7

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 7 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The mad
3. The mad crab
4. The mad crab can
5. The mad crab can snap.

Find the colored vowel in each word and say its sound.

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Short A: Pyramid 8

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 8 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The lamp
3. The lamp is
4. The lamp is on
5. The lamp is on a
6. The lamp is on a black
7. The lamp is on a black rack.

Clap once for each word in the last line.

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Short A: Pyramid 9

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Annie Ant says /a/

Pyramid 9 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The hat
3. The hat is
4. The hat is tan
5. The hat is tan and
6. The hat is tan and flat.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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