

Short A

1st Grade

The short a sound, /ă/ as in cat, with six words to read.

a

/ă/ as in cat

WHEN IT IS SHORT

One vowel, with consonants either side. No e on the end.

READ THESE

cat · hat · map
bag · van · sad

SAY IT

Short sounds are quick and clipped. The mouth barely moves.

Short a is the sound you meet first, and the one in most three-letter words.