

A Tan Cat



TEXT SUMMARY

In this story, a child named Tam experiences a range of emotions while interacting with a cat.

WORD ANALYSIS SKILL

This reader is designed to provide supported practice in reading one-syllable words with short a.

TARGET WORDS

am, at, can, cat, had, hat, mad, mat, nap, pal, pat, sat, Tam, tan

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

be, for, go, is, my, no, on, the, yes

PREVIEW

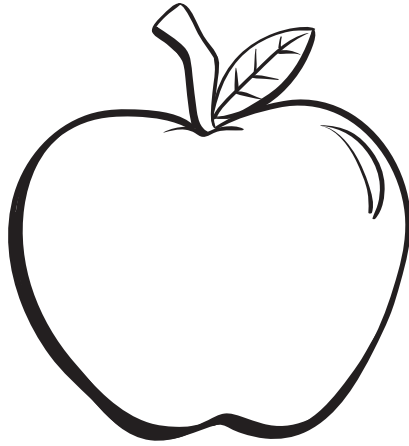
- ▶ **Explore the word analysis skill.** Point to the target words in the title of the reader to reinforce the short vowel sound. Display the keyword-picture card for the letter a.
- ▶ **Identify high-frequency words.** Explain to students that these are words that we see often when we read. Some have parts we can sound out, and some parts we need to remember. If necessary, model the steps to learning words like these: Look-Listen-Match. 1) Look at the word. 2) Listen for the sounds as you say the word. 3) Match the sounds to the letters you see, and mark any that don't match with a symbol. Consider previewing a sentence that contains the high-frequency word.

READ

- ▶ **Support accurate decoding.** If students struggle to read a word with short a, model this strategy: Point to each letter and say the sound the letter makes. Then, run your fingers below the letters as you blend the sounds together.
- ▶ **Encourage fluent reading.** Remind students that fluent readers read with expression and pay attention to punctuation. Provide ample opportunities for students to reread sentences, pages, and the entire reader more than once to develop automaticity and fluency.

DISCUSS

- ▶ A character is who a story is about. Who are the two characters in the story? (*Tam and the tan cat*)
- ▶ At the beginning of the story, Tam feels mad at the cat. Why? (*The tan cat sat on Tam's hat.*) Does Tam still feel mad at the end of the story? (*No.*) How do you know? (*Tam pats the tan cat and they are pals.*)
- ▶ What do you think Tam and the tan cat might do next? (*Student answers will vary.*)



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