

Short *a* Real Sentences

1. **Sal has a map and a tan.**
2. **The fat cat did yap at a rat.**
3. **The lad had jam, ham, and a yam.**
4. **The sad dad sat on the mat.**
5. **Tap the can, and pass the fan.**
6. **The mad cad, Al, is a pal.**
7. **Fan Sam and the lass.**
8. **On the pad is a bat, a cap, and a nag.**
9. **The ram ran, and the bag did sag.**
10. **Ban the bad cad who is lax.**
11. **Pat the pan, and add a dab of wax.**
12. **Ann is at the van with the man.**

Short *a* Real Word Story

The **man** with a **cap** and **bat** sat the **fan** and **yam** on his **lap** in the **cab**. The **cab** was a **gas van** and **had** a **mat** and a **map**. Al, the **man** in the **cab** with a **cap** and **bat**, did not **rap** or **nag** or **sass** his **dad** or **fax** the **tax** to the **lad** with an **ax**, but he did take a **nap**.

Then he saw a **cad** with a **bad tan** who **ran** with a **pad** away from a **rat**. Then the **man** in the **cab** saw the **cad** **jab** the **rat** with a **bag** of **wax**.

A **fat cat** saw the **rat**. Off the **fat cat** went to get the **rat**. The **rat** saw the **fat cat**, and the **rat** jumped into the **cab**. Al, the **man** with a **cap** and **bat** who had a **fan** and **yam** on his **lap**, did **gag** and **sag** when he saw the **rat** in his **cab**.

Off fell the **fan** and **yam** from his **lap**. Al got his **bat** and did **wag** it at the **rat** who did not **yap back**. The **rat** did **tap** on Al's **lap**. Al was not **lax**. He did not **nap**. He took his **hat** and **bat** and got the **fan** and **yam** and paid his **tab** and **ran** from the **gas van**. Al **ran** and **ran** until he **had** to stop. I am a **sap** to let that **rat** make me go, but I did **add** it up, then **ran**.