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Please practice decoding all of these words and be sure that the child is confident to do so before giving him/her this book to read.

a, cat, had, nap, lap, mat, van, on

This book introduces short vowel sound

а

In this book, the text is on one page and the child must turn over to see the picture. This is to discourage guessing the words by looking the picture.

Guessing is not a reading strategy but rather prevents true reading from taking place and so it must be avoided at all costs. The urge to guess is very strong in all children. Note to parents/teachers

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Talk to your child about the story. Cat like naps. They sleep in all sorts of places. Let us find out where this cat has a nap.

Shhh. The cat is asleep. It is having a nap.

Where is the cat having a nap? On the mat.

Where now? On the mat.

Now where is the cat having a nap?

On the van. I expect he likes to be in the warm sun.

Oh - look where he is now! On the bed. Do you think that is where he likes to be best of all? On a nice cosy, soft, bed?

a cat had a nap



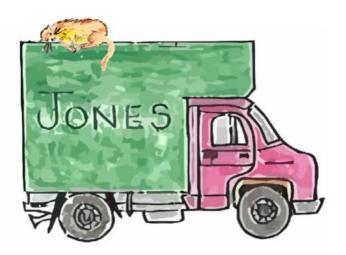
a cat had a nap on a mat



cat had \mathbf{O} a nap on a lap



a cat had a nap on a van



cat nap

