

Onestop Phonics: The letter Aa

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Level: Starter; Starters (Cambridge Young Learner tests)

Target age: 4+

Time needed: 20-30 minutes per letter

Materials: *Phonics podcast* (downloaded from www.onestopenglish.com); character flashcard; copies of worksheets 1 and 2 for each child

The letter Aa

Vocabulary

apple, ant, bag, cat, hat, man

If this vocabulary is new to your learners, it will require pre-teaching. You may like to use onestopenglish flashcards to pre-teach these words. Alternatively, you could use magazine pictures, draw the items on the board or, where possible, use realia.

Procedure

- Start by telling the children that they are going to learn about the letter A.
- Say *A* (as it is said in the alphabet) and then say *a* (as it is said in *apple*). Ask the children to repeat each time.
- If you are using the flashcards, you might like to either hold up the character flashcard for *Alice Apple* or stick it up on the board where the children can see it. Say the name *Alice Apple* and ask the children to repeat.
- Play the podcast for 'A' and ask the children to listen carefully.

Transcript:

This letter is called A

A A A

This letter sounds like:

a a a

a for apple

Alice Apple

a a a

Alice Apple

Alice Apple is an actor

- Say *A, A, A* (as it is said in the alphabet) and ask the children to repeat.
- Say *a, a, a* (as it is said in *apple*) and ask the children to repeat.

- Write a capital *A* on the board.
- Draw the letter in the air with your finger. Ask the children to copy you.
- Repeat with a lower case *a*.

Hand out Worksheet 1

Ask the children to colour the picture in however they want. As they work, encourage them to repeat the tongue twister: *Alice Apple is an actor*.

Hand out Worksheet 2

- Ask the children to trace the capital *A* letters. Ask them to say the letter each time they complete it. Monitor their work.
- Ask the children to trace the lower case *a* letters. Ask them to say the letter each time they complete it. Monitor their work.
- Explain that the children are going to match the silhouettes with the pictures. Draw their attention to the example (the ant). Ask the children to draw lines to match the rest of the silhouettes to the correct pictures.
- When the children have finished matching the pictures, hold up the worksheet and point to the pictures one at a time. Each time, say the word and ask the children to repeat.
- If you think the children can do it, repeat the process by pointing to the pictures one at a time and asking the children to say the words.
- End the lesson by holding up the flashcard of *Alice Apple* and saying *Alice Apple*. Ask the children to repeat.

Fun activities

Write and say

The children work in pairs. They write one of the words with a short *a* sound on their partner's back using their finger. Their partner has to say the word.

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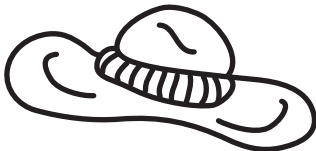
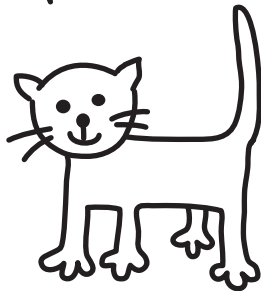
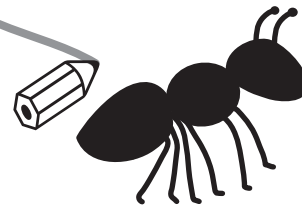
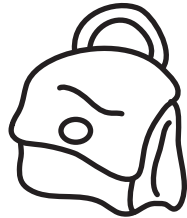
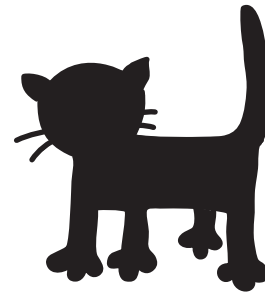
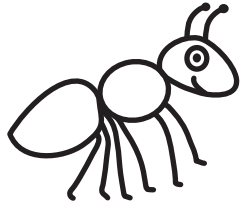
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Write. Match and say.

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