

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

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When I Am Old with You
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Grade Level: 1 / Guided Reading Level: I

Instructional Focus:
Short Vowel Sound /a/

Background:
A single vowel in the middle of a syllable is usually short (e.g. pat, sat, cabin).

Examples:

cat
man
brat
nap
ram

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of When I Am Old with You
- Chart Paper or Inf
- Markers
- "Short /a/ Sound"
- Word Cards and P
- Grand Word Search
- Optional-Word

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Step 1:
Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Short Vowel Sound /a/

- Today we're going to talk about the short vowel sound /a/
- The short /a/ sound is easy to learn
- It's the only vowel in a syllable, it will almost always be short
- For example cat, hat, mat, that, and so on
- Look at the Anchor Chart
- Let's read the words aloud together
- What do you notice about the words? (Look for answers such as: they sound alike, it sounds like rhymes, there's only one vowel in each word, each row has the same ending sound)

Step 2:
Connect Word Work to Reading

Short Vowel Sound /a/ In the Text

- Tell students that the reading today has several examples of the short /a/ sound.
- Tell students that you will be reading to **When I Am Old with You**. When you hear a short /a/ word, touch your nose. Remind students that some words will have more than one syllable. Say, "This is a quiet signal, and you should let me read the story without interruption."
- Begin to read the story.
- Be mindful of students' responses (nose-touch) to short /a/ vowel sounds
- If students make the mistake on page three of signaling the word, "wat," tell them this is an exception to the one vowel syllable for short /a/
- Have students work in pairs to go through the text and write down all the words that have the short /a/ sound.
- Have them share what they've found and add it to the Anchor Chart.
- They will undoubtedly find words that follow the rule of one vowel per syllable makes it short, but the pronunciation is different. Ex: breakfast (break-fast), distance, or walk. This provides a teaching moment.

Examples of Short Vowel Sound /a/ Found in the Text:

• Granddaddy	• can	• sand
• am	• basket	• hats
• afternoon	• catch	• tractor
• that	• all	• grass
• flat	• imagine	• sad
• have (doesn't follow rule)	• dance	

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Step by Step Lesson Plan

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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Step 3:
Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Cut out the short /a/ word cards and picture cards (laminiate if you want to use in centers later).
- Mix them up and give one card to each student.
- Explain to them that half the students have a word card and the other half have a picture card.
- There assignment is to silently walk around the room until they find the correct match to their word or picture.
- Give them a time limit depending on your knowledge of your class.
- Have each team take turns sharing with the other children what their word is.
- Collect the cards and pass them out again in a different order.

Step 4:
Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Pass out the **Grand Word Search Practice Page** to each student.
- Read the directions together.
- After completed, have students check their own paper for accuracy.

Step 5:
Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work

Group Discussion

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

Step 6:
Extend Word Work (optional)

Extension Activity

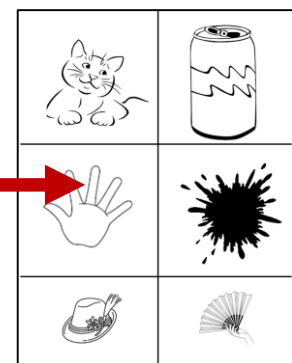
- Ask students to be on the lookout for **short vowel sound /a/** in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart (review the added sticky notes with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson).
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the **Word Detective worksheet**.

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Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Extension Activity



Word Detective: Short Vowel Sound /a/

Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for **short vowel sound /a/** while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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Grand Word Search

Word Work Practice Page

Directions:
Use the Word Bank to circle the short vowel /a/ sound words in the grid. Remember that you can go across, down, backwards, and diagonal. Some letters may be used more than once.

Word Bank

mad	damp	ant	lap	glad	pads
tag	land	sad	pan	pal	tad

g	l	a	d
l	a	p	a
a	n	t	m
s	d	a	p
s	a	d	p

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