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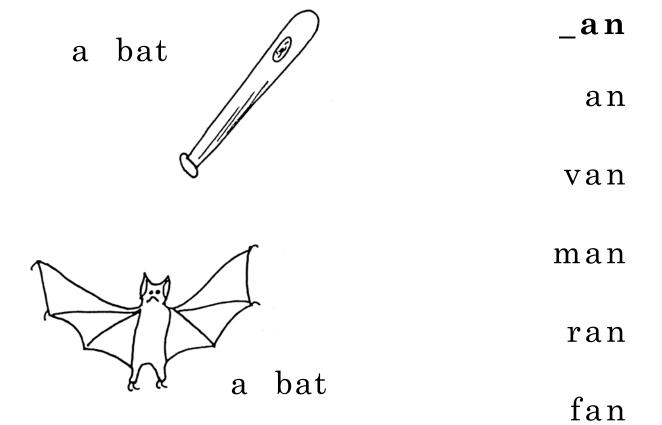
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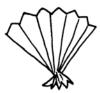
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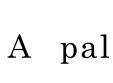




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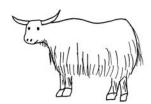


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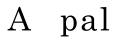
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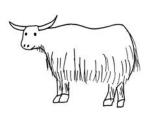


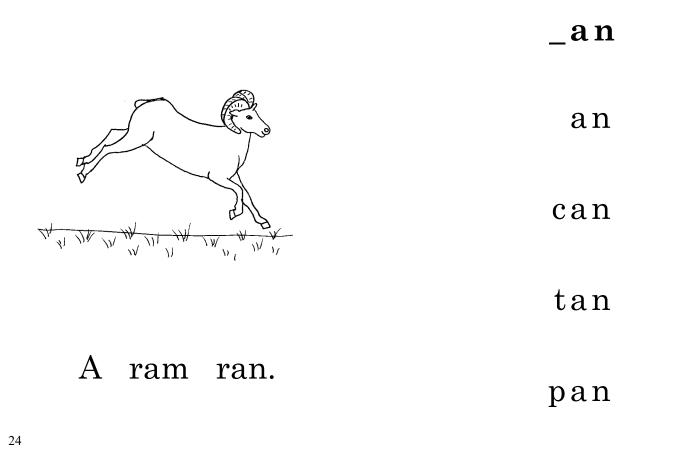
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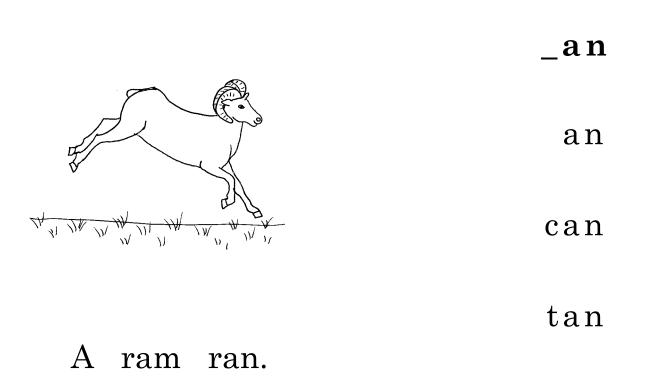


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A yak











a ram

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a ram

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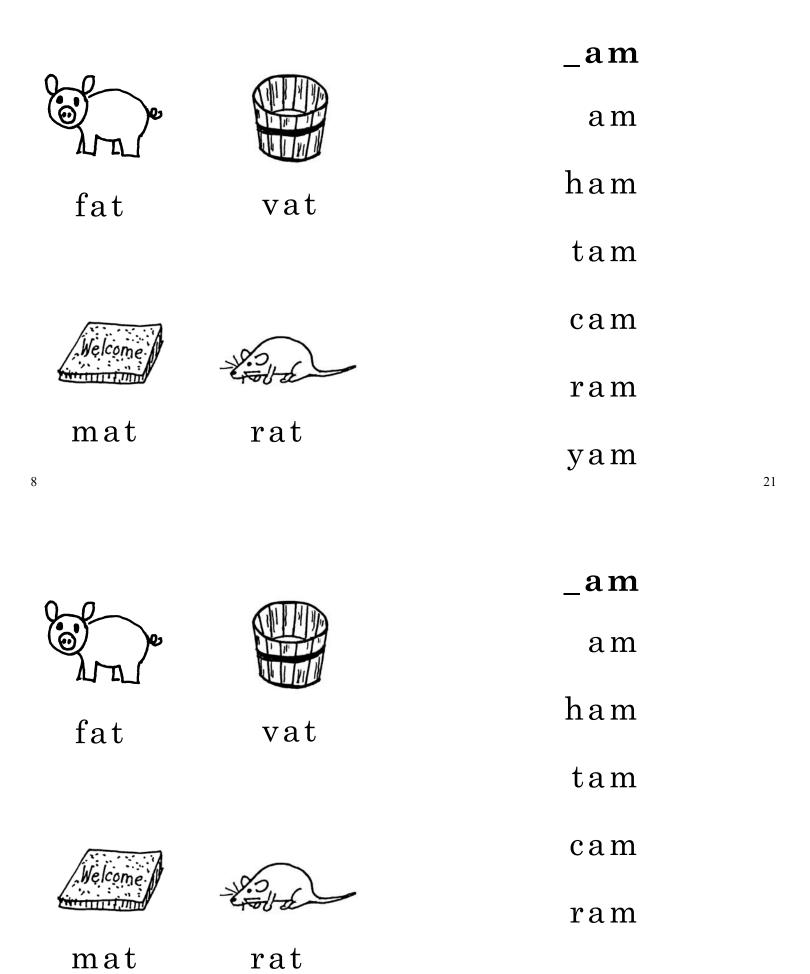




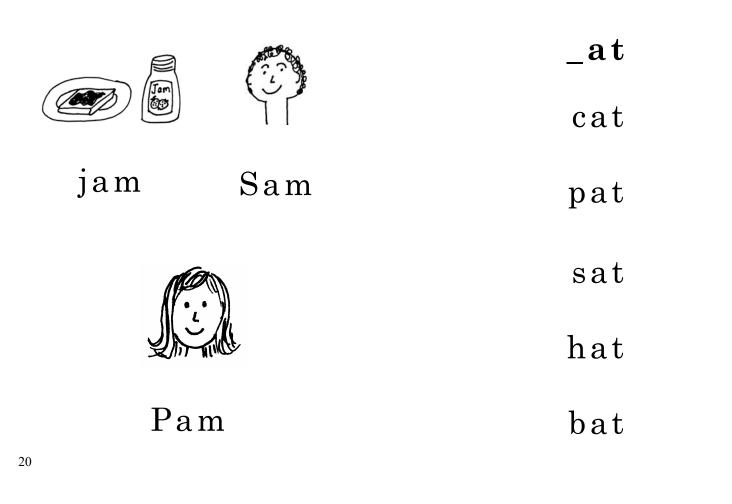


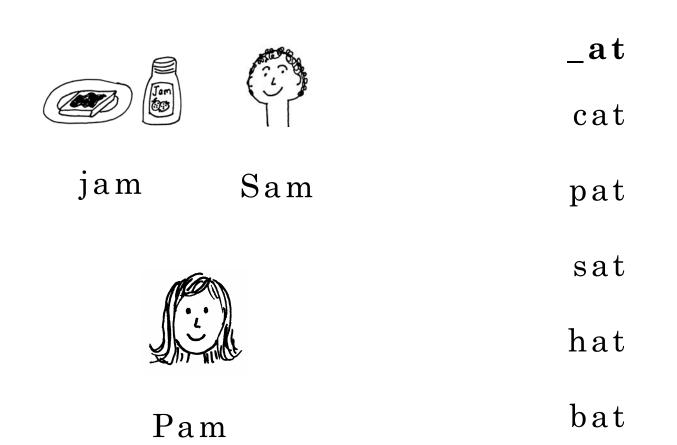
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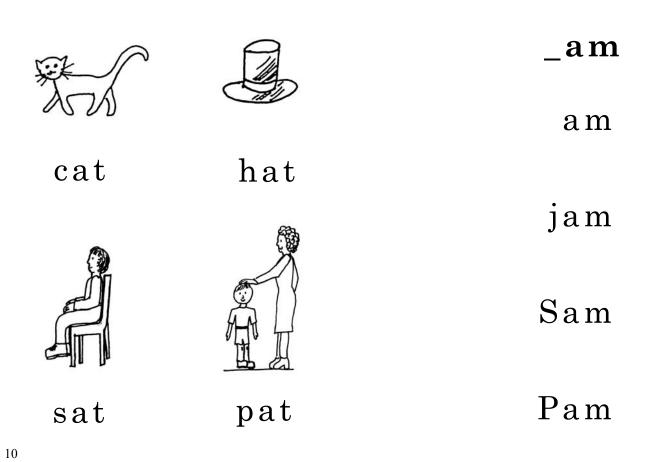
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yam









$_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{p}$



cap

gap

nap

zap

map

yap

A man ran a lap.

sap

lap

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cap

gap

nap

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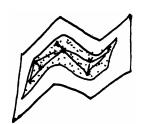
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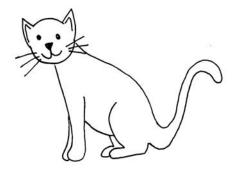
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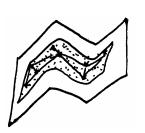


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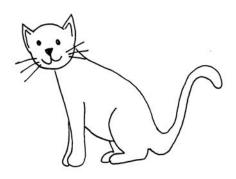
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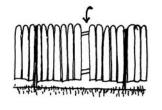
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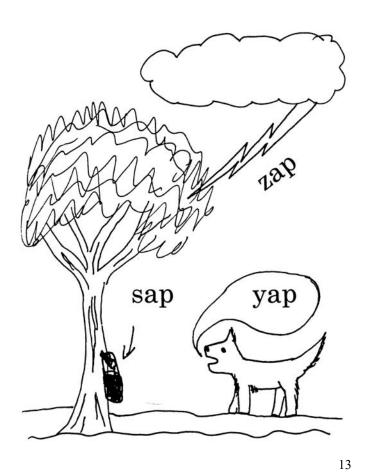
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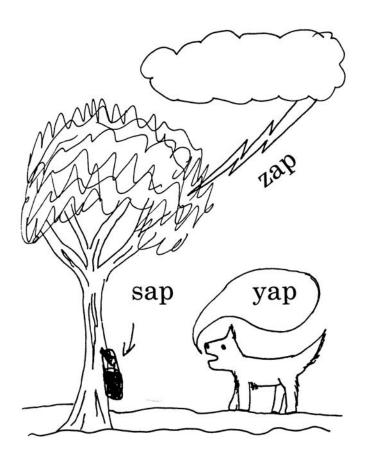


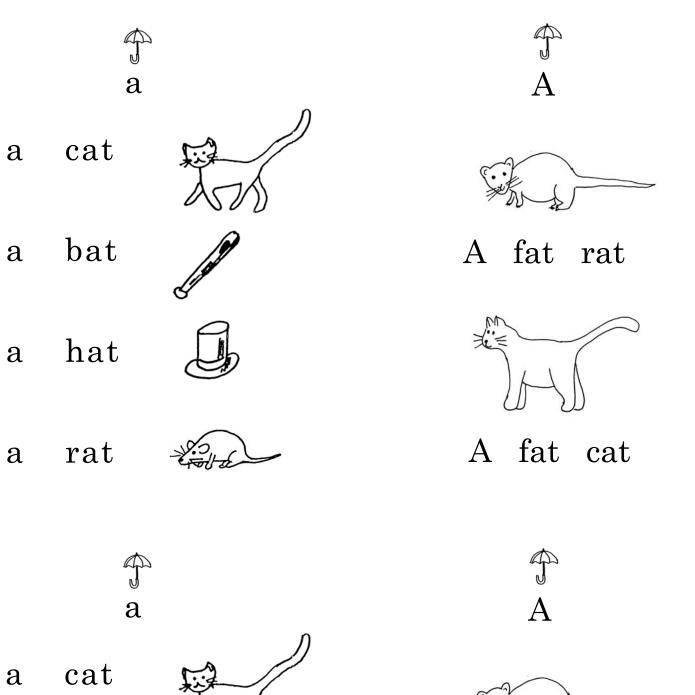
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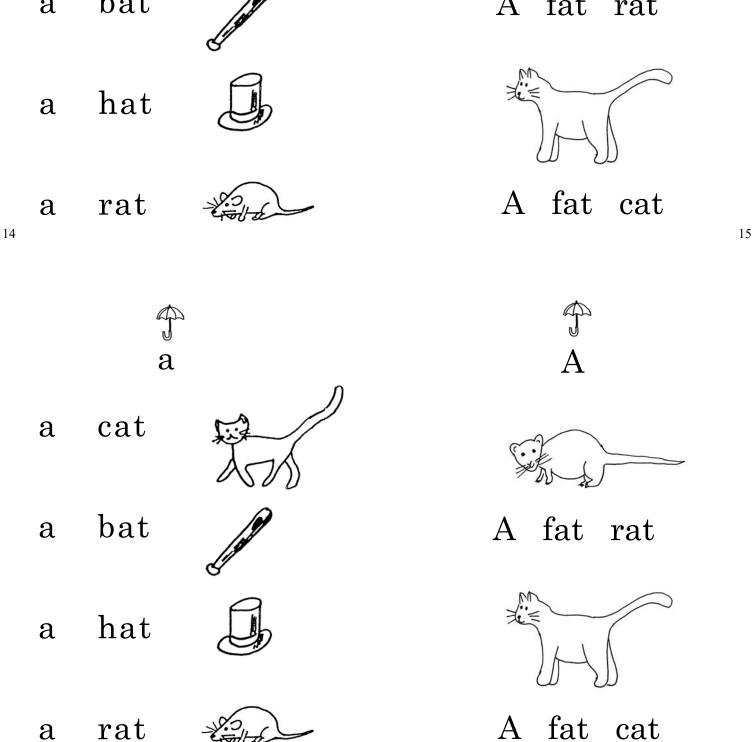




A man ran.







A fat cat rat a 15