This booklet teaches short a words ending with _an, _at, _ap, _am, _al, and _ak.

Students should recognize and be able to give the sounds for all the consonants and short vowel a before attempting to read this booklet.

To teach the word lamb on page 23, point out the line under the mb at the end of the word and the letter m above it. Explain that, in a few words, mb is another way to show the /m/ sound.

See the “umbrella” story on the inside of the back cover. Read it aloud to the students. Teach the sight words a and A.
One day the vowels a, e, i, o, and u, went for a walk. Suddenly, it started to rain.
The letter u always carried his umbrella, since it starts with his /u/ sound, so he did not get wet.
The other vowels asked if they could get under the umbrella, too. “You may get under my umbrella,” said the letter u, “If you will promise to say my /u/ sound in words.” The other vowels were happy with their own sounds, /a/, /e/, /i/, and /o/, and didn’t want to give them up. But soon it began to rain even harder. “We want to keep our own sounds, but please, let us get under your umbrella,” said a, e, i, and o to the letter u. So the letter u said, “If you will say my sound in some words, then you can get under my umbrella.” So a, e, i, and o got under the umbrella, and that is why, to this very day, in some words they say the /u/ sound, instead of their regular sound.

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A ram ran.
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A man ran a lap.
A cat sat.
A man ran.

A man ran.
a  cat

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