



Short Vowel Stories

For Young Beginners

By Mary Cooney
Copyright 2016
MercyforMarthas.com

Practice the Vowel Sounds:

A makes ah

Like alligator

E makes eh

Like elephant

I makes ih

Like iguana

O makes aw

Like octopus

U makes uh

Like umbrella

The Cat

mat

cat

sat

fat

hat

bat

The cat sat.

The cat **is** fat.

The fat cat sat.

The cat has **a** hat.

The cat sat **on** the hat.

Words in bold should be taught as sight words, not sounded out.

Sad Dad

mad sad had

bad Dad lad

Dad is sad.

I was bad.

I was mad.

I was mad **and** bad.

* I will not be bad again.

Dad and the cat

mat hat mad

sat bat sad

fat cat Dad

The cat sat.

The fat cat sat.

Dad sat.

Dad sat on the cat!

The cat is mad.

Mad at Dad.

Dad's Lap

lap	rag	ham
nap	bag	yam
tap	tag	Sam

I sat **on** Dad's lap.

I nap **on** Dad's lap.

Sam sat **on** Dad's lap.

Sam naps **on** Dad's lap.

Ham and Yam

am	cat	ran
ham	sat	pan
yam	hat	can

The ham is **in** the pan.

The yam is **in** the pan.

The cat ran **to** the pan.

* The cat ate the ham.

* The cat ate the yam.

Sam Has

has bag van
Mass rag can
pass tag man

Sam has a bag.

Sam has a tag.

The tag is on the bag.

Sam has a man.

Sam has a van.

The man is in the van.

Sam Had

had can bat lap
mad van hat nap
sad man cat cap

Sam had a cap.

Sam had a bat.

Sam had a cap and a bat.

Sam sat on Dad's lap.

The cat sat on Dad's lap.

The cat and Sam sat on the lap.

Hop on Pop

Hop hot Mom

Pop got Tom

Top not

Hop on Pop!

Hop on Pop!

Hop on top **of** Pop, Pop, Pop.

Tom got hot.

Pop got hot.

Hop on top **of** Pop, Pop, Pop.

Hot Dog

hot dog God

pot hog nod

not frog sod

* What is in the pot?

* Is there a hog in the pot?

A hog is not in the pot.

* Is there a frog in the pot?

A frog is not in the pot.

* Is there a dog in the pot?

A hot dog is in the pot.

*Parent reads

What is Hot?

hot	mop	box
pot	cop	fox
not	stop	ox

* What is hot? Is the box hot?

No, the box is not hot.

* Is the fox hot?

No, the fox is not hot.

* Is the pot hot?

Stop! Stop! The pot is hot!

Frog and Dog

Dog	off	hop
Frog	on	top
Log	odd	pop

A frog hops on the log.

*Along comes a dog.

The frog hops off the log.

Hop! Hop!

The frog hops off the log.

The dog is on top of the log.

The Fox and the Ox

fox	off	not
box	on	got
ox	odd	hot

A fox is on a box.

Off fox! Off!

The fox got off.

An ox is on a box.

Off ox! Off!

The ox got off.

The Frog in the Pan

is	frog	pan	cat
in	hog	man	hat
the	dog	ran	hot

A frog is in a pan.

The pan is hot.

The frog got hot.

Hot, hot frog.

* The frog jumps out of the pan.

The Cat and the Dog

cat hog ox ran
sat frog fox man
fat dog hot can

A cat sat.

It sat **and** sat.

A dog ran.

It ran **and** ran.

The cat is fat.

The dog is hot.

The Sad Fox

Sad fox rag pot
Mad box bag got
Had ox tag not

A fox had a bag.

The bag had a tag.

An ox got the bag.

The ox got the tag.

* He ripped the bag. He ripped it up.

The fox was sad.

The bag was a rag.

Sit dog, Sit!

Sit	it	dog	sad
Bit	is	frog	bad
Pit	in	hog	mad
Hit	if	log	had

A dog was mad.

The dog was bad.

It bit a hog.

Sit dog, sit!

The bad dog is in a pit.

The dog is sad.

The Sad Dog

It	did	hot	cat
Is	rid	not	mat
In	hid	pot	hat
If	kid	got	sat

A sad dog sat in a pit.

It was sad.

It hid in the pit.

The dog got hot.

* Run, dog! Run out of the pit.

The dog ran and ran.

* It got out of the pit.

Cat and Pig

pig will win cat
big fill sin hat
dig hill pin ran

A pig ran.

It ran and ran.

A cat ran.

It ran and ran.

Will the pig win?

Will the cat win?

The pig and the cat will win.

Fox and Pig

Pig is hid fox
Big his did ox
Dig miss kid box

* A fox wanted to catch a pig.

The pig hid.

It hid in a box.

The fox did dig.

Dig, fox, dig.

* It did not find the pig.

The fox did miss the pig.

The Cat in the Bin

Bin is lid cat

Win his hid sat

Sin miss did fat

A cat sat in a bin.

The bin was big.

The cat was big.

The tin had a big lid.

* A kid came. He put the lid on the bin.

The cat hid in the bin.

Up the Hill

up hill ran it

the will man fit

was Bill can pit

on fill pan sit

Bill ran up.

Up, up, up.

Bill ran and ran up the hill.

A man was on the hill.

The man was Bill's Dad.

Can a Frog Hop?

cat frog sit **the**

dog hop can **up**

pig dig fox **on**

Can a frog hop?

A frog can hop.

Can a dog dig?

A dog can dig.

Can a fox sit?

A fox can sit.

Is it big?

Is ox big hat

It hog not sad

An cat fox had

Is a pig big?

A pig is not big.

Is a fox big?

A fox is not big.

Is an ox big?

* Yes, an ox is big very big!

Fun in the Sun

sun cut bug **to**
run hut rug **the**
fun but tug Bob

Is it fun to run?

It is fun to run.

It is fun to run in the sun.

Can Bob run?

Bob can run!

Bob can run in the sun.

Run, Bob, Run

sun rub up **down**
run cub pup Bob
fun tub cup **to**

Run, Bob run!

Bob can run!

It is fun to run.

It is fun to run in the sun.

Run, Bob, run!

Up and Down

Up	mud	fun	jump
Pup	bud	run	bump
Cup	sud	sun	down

Can Bob jump up?

Jump, Bob, jump!

Jump up, jump up!

Jump up and down.

*Is it fun to jump and jump?

It is fun to jump and jump.

Bug in the Mud

Bug	mud	fuzz	ruff	sat
Mug	bud	buzz	puff	fat
dug	sud	said	dog	saw

A bug sat in the mud.

* "Buzz, buzz," said the bug.

A dog saw the bug.

The dog saw the bug in the mud.

* "Ruff, ruff," said the dog.

The dog dug in the mud.

* He wanted to get the bug.

Bug and Dog

bug ruff tub dog
dug puff rub did
buzz up run jump
fuzz pup fun **said**

“Buzz, buzz” said the bug.

“Ruff, ruff” said the dog.

The dog dug and dug.

*The bug jumped up.

Jump, bug, jump!

*The bug flew away.

Run, dog, run!

The big, big bus

us fun big box had
bus run dig ox mad
Gus sun **go** fox Dad

Gus had a box.

It was a big, big box.

*He made the box into a bus.

It was a big, big, bus.

Go, bus, go!

It was fun in the bus.

Gus had fun in the big, big bus.

Gus and the Pup

up jump hug sit run
pup bump rug bit fun
cup dump bug did **said**

Gus had a pup.

The pup was fun.

The pup did run.

The pup did jump.

Gus said, "Sit".

"Sit, pup, sit!"

The pup did not sit.

Stop, Pup, stop!

ruff sad ran hop
puff mad can **stop**
stuff bad man saw

The pup ran and ran.

The pup saw a man.

Gus said, "stop!"

"Stop, pup, stop!"

The pup did not stop.

The pup bit the man.

The Bad Pup

got pen sad rug go
hot hen mad bug stop
not den bad dug **you**

The man was sad.

Gus was mad.

Gus said, "Bad, bad pup!"

"You did not sit."

"You did not stop."

"You bit a man."

"You bad, bad, pup!"

The Sad Pup

go sat hid get down
mat did wet **to**
hat kid met **now**

Gus said, "Now you go!"

"Go to the den."

"Now you go down to the den."

Now the pup was sad.

The pup hid in the den.

The pup hid down in the den.

Now the pup was not fun.

The Pup Sits

rug hat sit said

bug sat hit now

hug bat mit you

Gus sat on the rug.

Now Gus was sad.

And the pup was sad.

*The pup was sorry.

*The pup came and licked Gus' face.

Gus said, "Sit, pup, sit."

The pup sat.

Now the pup sat.

The Big Bed

Bed ten pet has

Red men met big

Fed hen bet to

Ted has a bed.

The bed is red.

Ted has a red bed.

Ted has a bed.

The bed is big.

Ted has a big red bed.

Ted's Red Hen

Red hen pet has

Fed men wet was

Led pen get big

Ted had a hen,

A big red hen.

The hen was Ted's pet.

Ted fed the hen,

The big red hen.

*The hen was very happy.

The Egg and the Cat

Egg get will was had

Beg set hit saw an

Leg pet yum said ran

Ted's hen had an egg.

It was a big, big, egg.

A cat saw the egg.

*The cat was hungry.

"Yum, yum," said the cat.

"I will get that egg."

"I will get that big, big egg."

The Hen and the Cat

hen egg get cat hit
ten leg pet ran bit
men peg set can did

*The cat wanted that big, big egg.

The cat ran to get the egg.

The hen saw the cat.

The hen was mad.

The hen hit the cat.

The hen bit the cat.

The cat did not get the egg.

*The cat ran away.

Ted and his bed

yell tell bed his off
bell sell red up on
well fell fed **down** **oh**

Ted had a bed,

A big, red bed.

*One day, Ted was jumping on his bed.

*Peter jumped up.

*Peter jumped down.

Up and down. Up and down.

Oh! Ted fell off his bed.

Ted and his bed

yell tell yes his off
bell sell mess did was
well fell Tess **said** **help**

*Did Ted fall off of his bed?

Yes, Ted fell off his bed.

Ted was a mess.

His bed was a mess.

“Help! Help!” Ted did yell.

“Help!” said Ted. “I fell off the bed.”

*“Are you well?” asked his mother.

“Yes, I am well.”

Can you?

Yell hop run sit nap
Tell stop fun hit tap
Fell top sun pit lap

*Can you yell?

Yes, I can yell.

*Can you hop?

Yes, I can hop.

*Can you run?

Yes, I can run.

*Can you read?

Yes, I can read!

Sight word review

A	in	I	of
An	is	you	on
And	it	now	off
To	the	up	stop
Oh	saw	down	go
said	was	help	