## Section 2.1 - 2.5 — Short Vowel Sounds

Vowels are letters that have sounds that let other letters be heard more clearly. Vowels in the English alphabet are *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, *u* and sometimes *y*. Every word needs at least one vowel to be heard.

As you continue reading you will notice that a vowel will make its short sound most often when it appears in a syllable followed by a consonant. One or more consonants may be before the vowel, and more than one consonant may follow the vowel.

## Tips for Section 2.1: the short a sound (a as in apple)

The letter *a*, when it is followed by a consonant in a syllable, most often sounds like the *a* in *apple*. One or more consonants may be before the vowel, and more than one consonant may follow the vowel.

Here are some *short a* words from Section 2.1. Notice the v + c pattern. As you read this section, see how many of these words you can spot:

can ant and an man sat cat hat fast had hand dance thank black apple

## Funny Things to Read

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What bow can never be tied?

- a rain bow.

- a rain bow.

- a rain bow.
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What has bark, but no bite?

u z o oa ie

- a tree.
u ea
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Why do we have to go to bed?

ie oo ea oo oa oo

- because the bed won't come to us.
ik oz u oa ku oo
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Simon says, "Wiggle five fingers."
Simon says, "Wiggle four fingers."
Simon says, "Say 'please' and 'thank you'."
Simon says, "Say 'I am funny'."
 <u>ie</u> u e z
Simon says, "Tell what time it is."
 ie u e z
Simon says, "You should sit down."
 <u>ie</u> u e z
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Simon says, "Boys can get up. Then sit down."
Simon says, "Find the color brown."
Simon says, "Look full of hope."
 <u>ie</u> u e z <u>ou</u>
                        uv <u>oa</u>
Simon says, "Look right, then left."
 <u>ie</u> u e z
                ou
Simon says, "Tell seven people 'Hi'."
 ie u e z
                            <u>ea</u> ul <u>ie</u>
Simon says, "Part your hair on one side."
 ie u e z o
                                 wu
Simon says, "Pre tend to think hard." oo think hard."
Simon says, "Pre+tend you sat on a bee."
                                     u ea
Simon says, "Pre+tend to eat a piece of ice."
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Simon says Game

ay

<u>ie</u> u ez