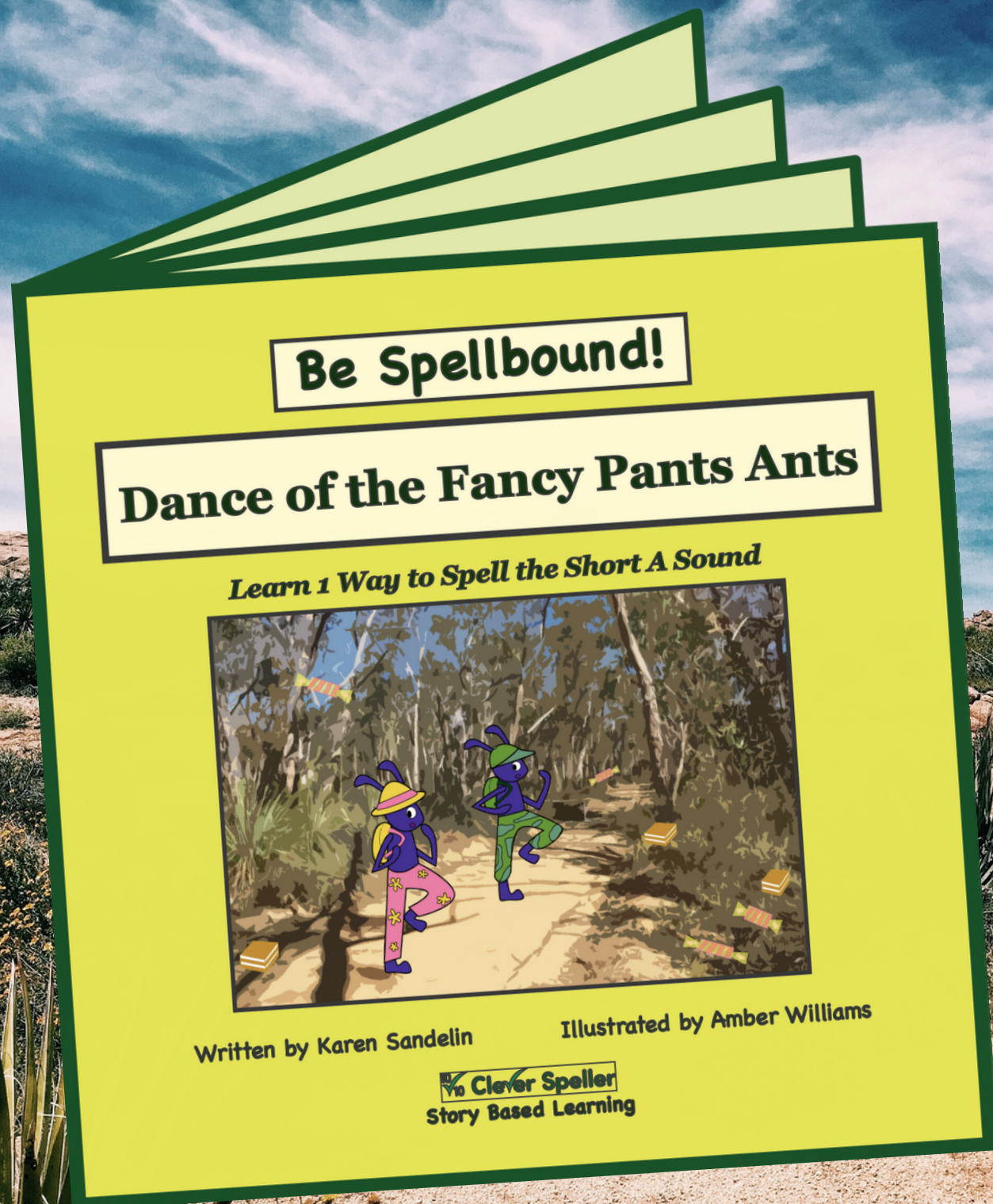


Story Based Learning



Bring Spelling to Life

Picturebook Story

- Short A letters printed in green
- 1 Way to spell Short A
- 113 Short A words
- 26 story pages



Captain Ant scanned
the dry arid land.
The sun was hot
and burned the sand.



had



Off they set
to ask all the animals,
where they could find



All day long, up and back,
ants were stamping
along the track



They were just in time
for the Annual Dance,
of the
Fantastic Fancy Pants Ants.

Short A usually spelled in 1 way: 'a'

Teaching Resources

- Word family chart
- Word list
- Sight words
- Homonyms
- Teaching tips
- Story on one page

Dance of the Fancy Pants Ants

Captain Ant scanned the dry, arid land. The sun was hot and burned the sand. All day long, up and back, ants were stamping along the track.

Searching for snacks, to put in their packs, to fill up the empty sacks on the racks. But they were having to travel further from camp, and now they were tired and could no longer tramp.

Kathy Black Cat just had empty cans, to put out for the rubbish van. Dan the Man wouldn't share his snag, their quest was becoming a bit of a drag.

So they had a chat with Larry the Lamb and the yabbies who swam in the dam. They nearly crashed dashing off in a flash, when those rat-bags gave them a splash.



't on his mat
ils and hat.
riving me mad.
is bad!'

ands and said,
band!

our clan.'

mals,

llie
e alley.

garret
and carrots.
rabbit,
t a good habit!

Just as they were going to cancel their plan, they smelt a new trail and off they ran. Look what they found in Sam's school bag. Old jam sandwiches with no price tag!

'Scram!' cried Sam, but it was too late for that, and they sang as he tried to splat. He banged and slammed as they took happy snaps and ran back to show what they had trapped.

They were just in time for the Annual Dance, of the Fantastic Fancy-Pants Ants. Get ready for a feast, light up the lamps. 'Thanks!' rang the cry, what a couple of champs!



Tricky Sight Words



'a
and
as
has
back
cannot
have
having
than
thanks

Spelling Group Lists

'a' List 1
at
bat
cat
hat
mat
rat
sat
am
dam
jam
Sam

'a' List 2
an
can
Dan
man
ran
van
bag
tag
bad
had
mad
sad

'a' List 3
and
band
grand
hands
land
sand
snag
drag
ratbags
as
has
ant

'a' List 4
back
black
pack
packed
racks
sacks
snacks
track
camp
champs
lamps
tramp

'a' List 5
ants
dances

'a' List 6
alley
alley

'a' List 7
crashed
dashing
flash
splash
banged
rang
sang
active
have
having
unhappy

'a' List 8
lamb
scram
swam
clapped
trapped
scanned
trapped
slammed
stamping
Alex
glad
snaps

'a' List 9
animals
annual
apples

'a' List 10
alligator
arid
cannot

Helping with Learning Difficulties

For students with Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties:

- spelling is confusing and doesn't make sense
- words seem to run together
- reading is hard work and not fun

This is because of difficulties with:

- hearing sounds in words
- learning letter sound associations
- blending sounds together
- identifying beginning, middle and end sounds in words
- learning tricky sight words
- reading fluency



Learning to Spell

1. Read Dance of the Fancy Pants Ants and listen for words with a Short A sound
2. Break words into sounds, eg c-a-t
3. Spell the Short A sound words by saying each individual sound of the word and then the whole word, eg c-a-t cat
4. The Short A sound is usually only spelled one way

nake sense!
ing list

n for the Short A words
the Short A sound
word to spell
le and end sounds
n disconnected lists
me, read to others
ords in everyday use

a



Congratulations!

You are Learning to Spell
the Short A Sound!

There is usually only 1 way to spell the Short A sound



cat

Homophones and Homonyms

Homophones
ant spelling
e sound
t meaning

alley
llie

Homonyms
Same spelling
Same sound
Different meaning

bat bat
band band
can can
jam jam
hand hand
handle handle
land land
snag snag
stamp stamp
tag tag



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Systematic Phonics

Activities

- Spelling activities
- Theme activities
- Reading comprehension
- Colouring page

Spelling Activities

Make a Word Wall	Use Chalk to write Short A words on a path or wall	Make a Memory Game	Make a Short A Mobile	Write Short A words 3 times in your Spelling Book
Write a Short A Story	Make a Short A Rap or Song	Write a Short A Poem	Find all the Short A words in the story	Make a Mini Book of Short A words
Cut out Short A words from Newspapers or Magazines	Find a New Short A word every day for a week	Make a Short A Wordsearch	Decorate Short A words with patterns	Make a Short A Poster
Change the First Letter to make new words	Sort the words into Alphabetical Order	Write sentences to show the Meaning of the Short A words	Write the Room How many objects can you find with a Short A sound	Make a Short A Mural
Make Short A Bookmarks	Draw a Scene with Short A words	Make a set of Flash Cards	Use Playdough to make Short A words	Find More Ways to spell the Short A sound

Reading Comprehension Quiz

Literal Comprehension

- 1 Where were the ants stamping?
- 2 What did Captain Ant sit on?
- 3 What did Angie and Alex think of?
- 4 Who did Angie and Alex avoid?
- 5 Who had apples in the garret?
- 6 What did Kathy Black Cat have?
- 7 What is Larry?
- 8 What did they find in Sam's school bag?
- 9 What did Sam say?
- 10 What did the ants wear to the dance?

Inferential Comprehension

- 1 Why do you have to travel further from camp?
- 2 Why do you have to travel further from camp?
- 3 Why do you have to travel further from camp?
- 4 Why do you have to travel further from camp?
- 5 Where do you have to travel further from camp?
- 6 What do you have to travel further from camp?
- 7 Why is it hard to travel further from camp?
- 8 How do you travel further from camp?
- 9 Why is it hard to travel further from camp?
- 10 How do you travel further from camp?

Quiz Answers

Literal Comprehension

- 1 Along the track
- 2 The mat
- 3 A grand master plan
- 4 Angry Alligator Allie
- 5 Grandma Bat
- 6 Empty cans
- 7 A lamb
- 8 Old jam sandwiches
- 9 Scram
- 10 Fancy pants

Inferential Comprehension

- 1 Because there is no food left near where they live
- 2 Because he has been walking a long way
- 3 Because they might know where to find some food, (or similar)
- 4 To stay safe
- 5 In the top of a house, like an attic
- 6 They might get sick and have no energy, (or similar)
- 7 Because they haven't found any food yet and it has been a long journey
- 8 They smell them
- 9 Because the ants had already found the sandwich
- 10 Once a year

Story Based Learning Activities

Literacy Make reader style books for 'Who Eats What' Write a Captain's log Interview the characters	History Research famous explorers	Numeracy Measurement: draw a map with details of the ant's journey Statistics and Data: survey favorite foods and graph the results Number and Money: create a celebration event and calculate expenses Calculate income from recycled cans
Science Classify animals What happens to food as it ages	Music Make a play list for the dance Have a Fancy Pants disco	Digital Technology Program an ant to follow a path
Drama Use the story for Readers Theater	Art Design new Fancy Pants for the ants Make decorations for the Fancy Pants Dance	Technology Design a sandwich container for Sam Make a model of a garret
LOTE Translate a conversation between the characters	Geography Kathy's Cans: recycling and the effect of waste on the environment	Computing Make a poster for the dance
Health Working together Healthy food		

Colour The Feast

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Connected Learning