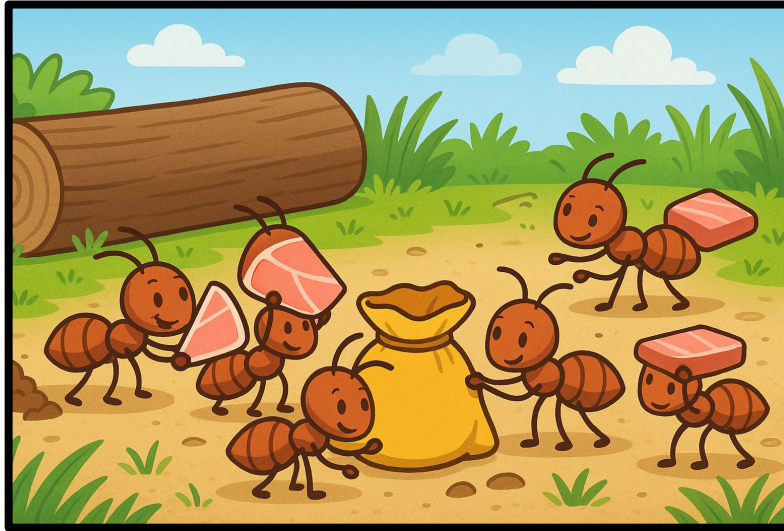


Decodable Texts: Short a (CVC Words)

"Let's read about ants and the cool things they do! Look for short a words like ants, bag, and ham as you read."



Facts About Ants

Ants are bugs.

Ants can dig.

Ants can run.

Ants sit on a log.

Ants get bits of ham.

Ants lift bits in a bag.

Ants help the pack!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

ants

ham

bag

pack

dig



Name: _____

Facts About Ants

1. What do ants do?

- A. get ham
- B. nap on a bed
- C. bark and yip
- D. fly in the sky

2. Where do the ants sit?

- A. in a bag
- B. on a log
- C. at a dam
- D. by a cab

3. Fill in the blank:

Ants lift bits in a _____.

4. Why do you think ants help the pack?

5. What was one thing you learned about ants?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Short a CVC Words

Genre: Nonfiction – Informational Text

Before Reading

1. Talk about what bugs you have seen outside
 2. Ask: What do you know about ants?
 3. Ask: What do you think ants do all day?
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During Reading

1. Sounding Out Support: Remind your reader to tap out each letter sound for tricky words like “pack” or “dig”
 2. Watch for short a words while reading
 3. Ask: What do the ants get?
 4. Prompt: Try reading the facts like you're teaching them to someone else!
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After Reading

1. Ask: What are some things ants can do?
 2. Ask: Why might ants be called “helpers”?
 3. Ask: What did the author do well in this text?
 4. Skill Mastery Prompt: Highlight 5 short a words you can find!
 5. Fluency Tip: Read it again like you are giving an exciting animal report!
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Activity Idea

Draw an ant pack working together. Label 3 things the ants are doing with short a words.

Coaching Tip

Celebrate how your child uses letter sounds to figure out words—they are becoming a stronger decoder every day!

