

Lesson Plan
The Day Little a Ran Away
Kindergarten - First Grade

Lesson Title: The At and All Word Families

Objectives: The students will recognize, read, sort and write words that have the short “a” sound that belong in the “at” and “all” word families.

Materials:

- 1.) Book *The Day Little a Ran Away*
- 2.) “At” and “All” word family flash cards (Printable)
- 3.) The Word Family Tree Activity Sheet (Printable)
- 4.) “At” and “All” mini cut out books (Printables)
- 5.) 1 ball and 1 bucket (for the guided practice game)
- 6.) Quiz-*The Day Little “a” Ran Away* (Printable or online version) The Teacher’s Quiz Key for grading the printable version is below the lesson plan. The online quiz grades automatically.

1. **Engage:** Students will view *The Day Little a Ran Away*. Ask students to recall the “a” words from the story. Ask students to observe how some words in the story are alike and how are the words different from each other. (The students might notice that some of the words end in “at” and the others end in “all”)

2. **Teach:** Write the letter “a” on the board and discuss the short sounds of letter “a”.
3. Explain that words with the same “a” sound are grouped a word family, such as hat, sat and rat belong in the “at” word family. And words such as ball, tall and fall belong together in an “all” word family.
3. Draw two t-charts on the board for the word families “at” and “all”. Ask the students to brainstorm words that belong to each word family and write the words in the t-charts.

4. **Guided Practice:** Play the short “a” flash card game.

Divide the class into two team, team #1 and team #2. Show a flash card. A student from team #1 will read the word on the flash card and will say which word family it belongs to; if correct he/she can toss the ball in bucket and earn the team a point. Then, a member from team #2 will take the next flash card. Continue to alternate teams between each flash card until every student has a turn. Note: If the student throws the ball and misses the bucket, that’s okay, he/she has still earned their team a point for reading and naming the correct word family for the word on the flash card. Tally up the points to see which team won. Then give a cheer for everyone!

5. **Independent Practice:**

Activity #1 - Hand out the Word Family Tree Activity Sheet. Students will cut the words, sort and glue to the corresponding word family.

Activity #2 - Hand out the “at” and “all” mini cut out books. Students will cut out the pages, trace the letters, put pages in order, staple (teacher supervision), then color the pictures and read their mini book.

Activity #3 - Quiz *The Day Little “a” Ran Away* (online or printable version). The Quiz Key is below the lesson plan.

Closure: Ask students which word families they learned about today and to name some words that belong to each word family. Call on volunteers to read their mini books to the class.

Assessment: Collect and grade the independent activities and the Quiz.

Note: The Quiz Key is located below this lesson plan.

(Scroll down for Quiz Key)

The Day Little A Ran Away
Quiz Key

1. What letter was the main character in the story?
 - a. **a**
 - b. b
 - c. c
 - d. d

2. What did they think happened to little “a” when they could not find him?
 - a. They thought he fell asleep
 - b. **They thought he ran away.**
 - c. They thought he was sick.
 - d. They thought he was at school.

3. What was little “a” actually doing when they could not find him?
 - a. He went on a vacation.
 - b. He went to the library.
 - c. He went to the store.
 - d. **He went out to play.**

4. Which word has an “a” in its spelling?
 - a. **hat**
 - b. tree
 - c. bug
 - d. flower

5. What kind of pet has an “a” in its spelling?
 - a. bird
 - b. fish
 - c. **cat**
 - d. dog

6. Where is the letter “a” in the alphabet?
 - a. “a” is the last letter in the alphabet.
 - b. “a” is the third letter in the alphabet.
 - c. “a” is the second letter in the alphabet.
 - d. **“a” is the first letter in the alphabet.**

7. Which flying animal has an “a” in its spelling?
 - a. dove
 - b. robin
 - c. **bat**
 - d. butterfly

8. Which toy has an “a” in its spelling?

- a. dice
- b. balloon
- c. spinning top
- d. ball**

9. Which season has an “a” in its spelling?

- a. winter
- b. spring
- c. summer
- d. fall**

10. What kind of building has an “a” in its spelling?”

- a. a wide building
- b. a short building
- c. a tall building**
- d. a big building