

Lesson Plan  
*The Day Little a Ran Away*  
PreK-Kindergarten

Lesson Title: Identifying the Letter and Sound of “a”

Objective: Students will identify, write and pronounce the letter “a”.

Materials:

1. Book, *The Day Little a Ran Away*
2. Quiz- *The Day Little a Ran Away* (Printable Quiz or Online Quiz) Quiz Key located below this lesson plan
3. My Little “a” Book (Printable) one for each student
4. Circle the “a” Activity Sheet (Printable) one for each student

1. **Engage:** The students will view the book, *The Day Little a Ran Away*.

2. **Teach:** Write the letter “a” on the board. Ask the class to recall the words from the story. What were some words in the story that had the letter “a”? Write their responses on the board. Ask where they see the letter “a” in these words, (the “a” is in the middle of these words).

3. Call on students to brainstorm words that begin with the letter “a”. Add these words to list of “a” words on the board. Example: apple, ape, astronaut and ant.

4. Ask the students to join you in reading the words on the board and emphasize the “a” sound from each word. Example: apple – a, a (short a sound) play – a, a (long a sound)

5. Call on students to circle the “a” in the words on the board.

**7. Independent Activity:**

Activity #1-Hand out the My Little a Book Printables. Students will trace the letter a, cut out the pages, put pages in order and the teacher will staple the pages together.

Activity #2 – Hand out the Circle the “a” Activity Sheet Printable. Students will look at the pictures, “read” each word and circle each “a” they find the words.

Activity #3 – Quiz, *The Day Little a Ran Away* (Printable or Online Version) Quiz Key is located below this lesson plan.

8. **Closure:** Ask students what letter they learned about today. What sound(s) does the letter “a” make? What words are spelled with the letter “a”? What was the name of the book they viewed about the letter “a”?

9. **Assessment:** Observe the students during the group participation portion of the lesson for a formative assessment. Collect the independent activities and Quiz to evaluate the student's letter "a" awareness and skills.

(Scroll down for Quiz key.)

## Quiz Key

### *The Day Little A Ran Away*

1. What letter was the main character in the story?
  - a. **little a**
  - b. little b
  - c. little c
  - d. little 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 a little “a” in its spelling?
  - a. **hat**
  - b. tree
  - c. bug
  - d. flower
5. What kind of pet has a little “a” in its spelling?
  - a. bird
  - b. fish
  - c. **cat**
  - d. dog
6. Where would you find 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 a little “a” in its spelling?

- a. dove
- b. robin
- c. bat**
- d. butterfly

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

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

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

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

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

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