#### a cat





Intro

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Please practice decoding all of these words and be sure that the child is confident to do so before giving him/her this book to read.

This book introduces short vowel sound

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In this book, the text is on one page and the child must turn over to see the picture. This is to discourage guessing the words by looking the picture.

Guessing is not a reading strategy but rather prevents true reading from taking place and so it must be avoided at all costs.

The urge to guess is very strong in many children.

Introduction: Do you like cats? Let us find out about the cat in this story.

#### Note to parents/teachers

Talk about the story with your child. Relate it to any knowledge your child has of cats. Tell your child that cats like to chase rats and any other small creatures.

### a cat



# a fat cat



#### a rat



# afat cat ran at a

## a fat rat

#### ran



