

Learning to Read: Short Vowel Letters



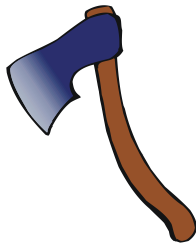
The letter "a" looks like this:

a

A

The letter "a" stands for the /ah/ sound in **ax**, **apple**, **sad**, and **cat**. We use the letter "a" to write words that have the /ah/ sound in them. When we read, the letter "a" tells us to say /ah/.

ax



apple



sad



cat



Explain that capital and lowercase letters may look different but they both stand for the same sound when writing or reading; we use capitals as a signal to the eye that the word is the name of someone or some place or the start of a sentence.

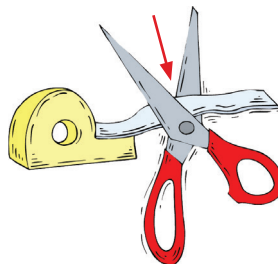
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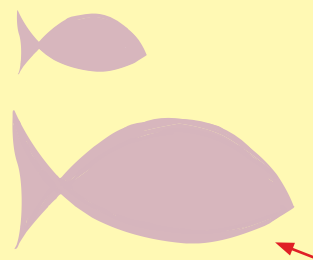
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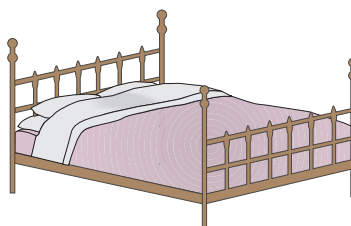
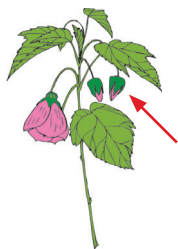
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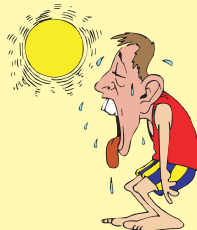
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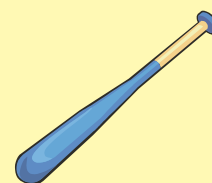
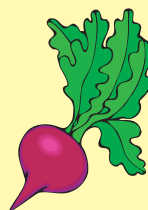
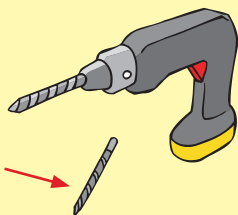
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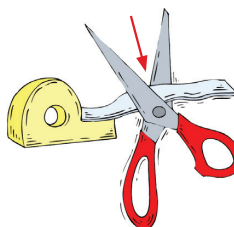
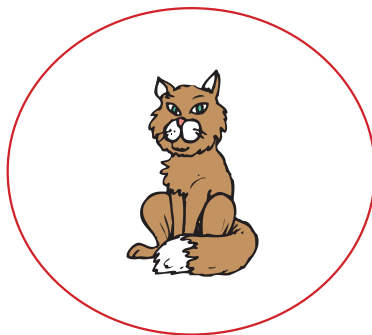
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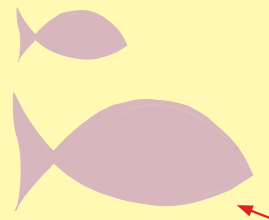
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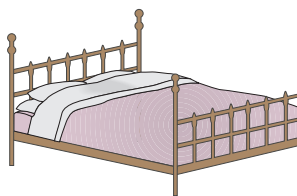
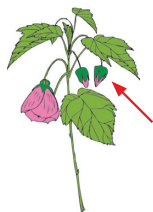
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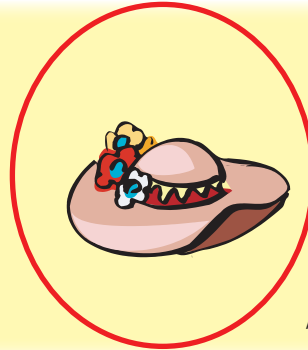
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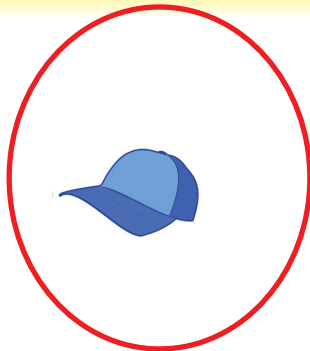
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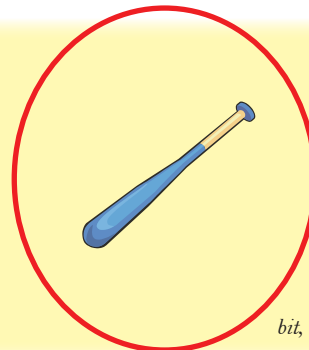
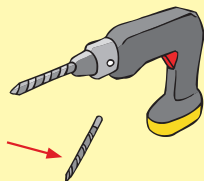
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