

First Words Series Phase 2 Pink Book Band

Aims

- to devise a series of eight books, using only very simple words made up of the letters introduced in Phase 2 of *Letters and Sounds*, so that they reinforce the work of the *AB Starter Pack*.

- to provide suitable age-related reading material for children to successfully read books by themselves in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

- to provide material that does not contain capital letters, i.e. books 1-5.

- to ensure that 'I' (I in the Sasson font) is the only capital letter used. It is used in the word 'I', and it is not used as a capital letter of any other word, e.g. 'It'.

- to begin sentences only with the phrases 'I am' or 'I can' and to use sentence structure consistently after verbs have been introduced in book 6.

- the letter 'k' is introduced in this series.

New words are highlighted in bold type.

Book	Title	Small letters	Total words	New
1	<i>a hat</i>	a c e h n o r s t	35	2
2	<i>a bag</i>	b i g d	36	1
3	<i>bats</i>	l f	30	1
4	<i>mad hens</i>	m u	42	3
5	<i>kitten</i>	k p	33	5
6	<i>I am a rat</i>		41	8
7	<i>I am mad</i>		40	1
8	<i>I can dig</i>	w	39	6

Vocabulary in each book

FW1: *a hat*
Phase 2 a on hat cat **rat hen** cats
HFW a on

The letter 's' is only used at the end of the word 'cats' where it is pronounced /s/.

FW2: *a bag*
Phase 2 a on in cat rat dog hot **bag** big cats
HFW a on in big

The letter 's' is only used at the end of the word 'cats' where it is pronounced /s/.

FW3: *bats*
Phase 2 a on **off** bat dog log and bats
Phase 4 frog frogs
HFW a on and

The letter 's' is used at the end of the words 'bats, frogs'. It is pronounced /z/ in 'frogs'.

FW4: *mad hens*

Phase 2 a on in rat **not** mad big **hut** and **eggs** hens

HFW a on in and not

Tricky the

The letter 's' is used at the end of the words 'eggs, hens'. ('s' is pronounced /z/)

FW5: *kitten*

Phase 2 a on cat pan **pen his cup** hot **red** bed and **kitten**

HFW a on and his

Tricky the

The letter 's' is only used in the word 'his' and it is pronounced /z/.

FW6: *I am a rat*

Phase 2 a on in **am** bag rat **run dig** hop **rip can** cat **sit** and

HFW a on in am and can

Tricky the **I to**

The letter 's' is only used at the beginning of the word 'sit'.

The word 'to' has been added in the reprinted books of 2016 to make the language more natural. Children have to learn the whole word 'to' as a specific letter sequence with spaces either side.

FW7: *I am mad*

Phase 2 a on in am bat log mud hop can **sad** mad frog

HFW a on in am

Tricky the I

The letter 's' is only used at the beginning of the word 'sad'.

FW8: *I can dig*

Phase 2 a in am **of up** dog dig **doll** tub can mud and **pull full**

Phase 3 **wet**

HFW a in am of up and can

Tricky the I

The letter 's' is not used.

The illustrations have changed in the 2016 reprint, so that what was previously a 'rag' is now a 'doll'.

THE VOLUME OF WRITING ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THIS SERIES IS **WA02: FIRST WORDS WRITING**