

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>	mu	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**

Key Vocabulary for the First Words Series

FW1 a on
FW2 a on in

FW3	a	on		and					
FW4	a	on	in	and	the				
FW5	a	on		and	the				
FW6	a	on	in	and	the	I	am	to	
FW7	a	on	in		the	I	am		
FW8	a		in	and	the	I	am		can