

Core Word Lessons - Set 2

Word: A

Book: The Things I Love



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Day 1

Goal: Read the book **The Things I Love**.

Task 1 - Introduce the word 'a' and the book title.

- **Instructor says:** "We are going to read a new book today. It's called **The Things I Love**. While we are reading the book, we can just check out the pictures and words and see what we notice. I'm going to point to the word 'a' as we go along."

Task 2 - Do a picture walk with the book.

- Go through the book doing a picture walk to notice things. Whatever they notice, we value. They might notice something about an illustration or something in the text. They might point to something, and you can help describe what they are noticing. The goal here is to give the student the opportunity to get engaged in the book and provide a way to start a dialogue.
- **Instructor says:** "Look! These two girls look like good friends. What else did we notice?" (Continue to provide specific examples.)

Task 3 - Point out what you notice about the book.

- Sitting close to your student with the book open, make some observations and connections for the student. You might point out an illustration that reminds you of something else, or text that looks interesting. Point out your genuine connections and thoughts as you go along.

Task 4 - Prepare the student to take the book home and share it with family.

- **Instructor says:** "That was great! Thanks for reading with me. You noticed some really interesting things. I liked how we saw the word 'a' all throughout the book, too. Here's where that word is found in your device." (You should navigate there to show them.)
- **Instructor says:** "I'd like you to take this book home and share it with your family tonight. Find out what they notice! I wonder if they will think of the same things we did today. Don't forget to show them where you see the word 'a,' too. Bring it back tomorrow and we can talk about it some more."

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Day 2

Goal: Read the book **The Things I Love** again.

Task 1 - Read the book **The Things I Love** again and find the word 'a' while reading the book.

- **Instructor says:** *"Can you believe we are back already? Do you remember reading that 'a' book with me yesterday? Let's do it again! This time, we can use your device to say 'a' whenever that word comes up. Let's find it on your device again - here it is!"*
- **Instructor says:** *"Wow! The word 'a' was in the book so many times! It's perfect that you have that word 'a' right there, ready to use. You can use it in so many ways! Let's flip back through the book and decide which of these pictures we both really like. We can use your device to tell each other. Ready?"*

Task 2 - Make a plan to use the word 'a' at home tonight.

- The student could direct family members to engage in some actions. Perhaps they could take turns pointing out the things they see. Perhaps they could say "I see a dog." Remember, the word 'a' could be combined with any tools, depending on the student's needs and skills! Make a plan with your student that is specifically based on the skills you know they have to combine with the word 'a.' You might want to send home a note explaining the activity so that facilitators at home will understand the task.
- **Instructor says:** *"I'm so glad you shared the book with your family last night. I'd like you to use the word 'a' tonight in a fun way. This is how it works. You can name things you see. You could say something like 'I see a doll.'" Let's practice some right now, so we have a good plan for what you'll do tonight. This will be super practice using the word 'a' in your device."*

Day 3

Goal: Talk about using the word 'a' at home.

Task 1 - Talk about using the word 'a' at home the night before.

- **Instructor says:** *"Did you find ways to say 'a' when you were playing that game last night? Did it go well? Did you use the examples we did together?"*
- If your student needs help finding the vocabulary to answer your question, open Quickfires.

Task 2 - Read the book with the student again and use the device to find the word 'a.'

- **Instructor says:** *"Let's read this book one more time. You are getting to know the book so well now, and it's getting even easier for you to read it and find the word 'a' all throughout! Excellent! Let's do that now again together."*

Task 3 - Have the student create their own book.

- Have the student write a book using the word 'a.'
- If using Boardmaker Instructional Solutions version, see Program Overview for more information on the different levels of Writing Support provided.
- **Instructor says:** *"That was fun! Now I'm excited to help you write your own book using the word 'a.'" (Customize this example with ideas that are motivating and exciting for your student.)*

Task 4 - Have the student plan to read their book at home with family.

- **Instructor says:** *"Great work! It's so much fun to write books, and you've written such a special 'a' book here today! I know your family will like it, too. Please take this home and read it to them tonight. When you come in tomorrow, you'll be able to tell me what page they liked best in your book."*

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Day 4

Goal: Talk about reading the student-created book at home.

Task 1 - Talk about sharing the student-created book at home the night before.

- **Instructor says:** *"Hello! I can see you are ready to learn today! I can't wait to hear about your night at home! Did you read your special 'a' book to your family? What did they think of it? What page was their favorite?"*

Task 2 - Read the book with the student again.

- **Instructor says:** *"This book is just wonderful. Let's read it again together. You did such a terrific job!"*

Task 3 - Have the student select another 'a' book from the library.

- **Instructor says:** *"Now that we've read a book using 'a' and even written your own, let's take a look at some other books that use the word 'a.' Pick one of these that looks interesting to you, and we'll read it just like we did with the other books. Your choices are **Breakfast Time** and **A Fun Time with Friends**."*

Task 4 - Repeat directions from Day 1; do a picture walk, and locate and use the word 'a' in the book.

- **Instructor says:** *"Wonderful choice! OK. I'll read this part, and you read the word 'a.' Remember that first book, and how we would notice things as we read the book? Let's explore this one together in the same way. Tell me what you notice and I'll do the same thing! Watch closely for the word 'a' to appear!"*

Task 5 - Have the student plan to read the book at home with family.

- **Instructor says:** *"Nice! It was fun to see another book that used the word 'a.' What did you think of the book? Please take this one home to share with your family tonight. You can also show them the one you wrote again, too!"*

Note: You might find it appropriate to assign a supplemental activity for practice at home. See the list of Extension Activities that follow the lesson plan for Day 5.

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Day 5

Goal: Talk about sharing the book at home.

Task 1 - Talk about sharing the book at home the night before.

- **Instructor says:** *"Good morning! I hope you had a great night at home with your family. I know you read that book with them. Wonderful!"*

Task 2 - Read the book from Day 4 with the student again.

- **Instructor says:** *"Let's read it again, or if you want, we can pick a new one! You decide!"*

Extension Activities

Here is a list of potential supplemental activities to allow the student to have more practice using the word 'a.' This list is not exhaustive but is just a start to get the wheels turning to help you develop appropriate extension activities for your student. Have fun!

- **Printable activities:** Additional extension activities are available in Core First Learning for Boardmaker Online.
- **Play 'I Spy':** Have the student say "I see a _____!" and indicate seeing by pointing to their eyes (if possible) for the 'I Spy' game. Then, the student should complete the clue by using Word Lists, Keyboards, and Topics on their device or a communication board.
- **Tally and graph production of 'a':** Gather counts for several people or in several activities and compare who said 'a' more or when it was said more.
 - Compare these to graphs created for previously-targeted words or have the student listen for more than one previously-targeted word in the same situation.

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