

# Short-Vowel Review

## WORDS IN TOP SECTION:

A “diacritical mark” is a symbol on top of a letter that shows us how to pronounce it. There are diacritical marks for many different sounds. The diacritical mark for a short-vowel sound is “˘,” as in “săt.” This particular diacritical mark is called a “breve.” There are five pages in this section, with one vowel featured on each page.

Read the words on top of the next page, working from left to right. Make sure that you blend the sounds together smoothly, and do not sound out each separate letter when you read the final word. Then write these words from dictation. This section of *Pyramid* is especially helpful for those of you who know letter sounds but need extra practice blending letters into words. Your left-to-right eye tracking will become *stronger!*

## SENTENCES IN BOTTOM SECTION:

After you are able to read these words smoothly and write them without error, you may begin reading the *Pyramid* sentences on the lower half of the page. This section is especially helpful to those of you who already are reading words but need extra practice building words into whole sentences.

Begin with the top word, and read down as many lines as you can. Stop when it becomes too much of an effort. Keep reading this story — you will find that with practice, you will be able to read farther and farther down the page. Your eye span is *increasing!*



*Just for fun, you might try writing these sentences from dictation, as well as the words. It will not only help develop your memory, but also your ability to remember things in the correct order!*

*Take it easy. Just take one small thing at a time, and keep on going. It's like climbing a large oak tree: you only climb up one branch at a time, but if you keep on going you'll end up on top!*

*Some people sit on an acorn, waiting for it to grow and **CARRY** them to the top. Guess what... they are **STILL WAITING!***

c-a	ca	ca-t	cat	
f-a	fa	fa-t	fat	
s-a	sa	sa-t	sat	
h-a	ha	ha-t	hat	
M-a	Ma	Ma-x	Max	
d-a	da	da-d	dad	dad-'s
J-a	Ja	Ja-n	Jan	Jan-'s



Jan's

Jan's fat

Jan's fat cat

Jan's fat cat Max

Jan's fat cat Max sat.

Jan's fat cat Max sat on dad.

Jan's fat cat Max sat on dad's hat!

*Only the  
COMPLETE SENTENCES  
have periods at the end—  
the rest of the lines  
are only PHRASES.*