

Practice Short Vowels with Tako and Allie

The dog in the story is named Tako. The “A” in his name makes the “short o” sound (like you would also hear in **claw, salt, all**). In his name, the “short o” sound is spelled with an “a” by itself in the middle of the word (“T-**a**-ko”). There are many other words in English that have a “short o” sound spelled with the help of the letter ‘a’. For example, three other words with this spelling pattern are listed below (water, fault, fall) Think of at least 4 more and write them beneath the others!

| “Short o” spelled with an “a” like T <u>a</u> ko the dog |
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| water fa <u>ll</u> pa <u>w</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ |

The cat in the story is named Allie. The “A” in her name makes the “short a” sound (like you would also hear in **cat, splash, fast**). In her name, the “short a” sound is spelled with an “a” at the beginning of the word (“**A**-llie”). There are many other words in English that have a “short a” sound spelled with an A at the beginning of the word. For example, three other words with this spelling pattern are listed below (act, animal, Africa) Think of at least 4 more and write them beneath the others!

| “Short a” spelled with an “a” like A llie the cat |
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| a ct a nimal A frica _____ _____ _____ _____ |

