

Read the pairs of words below. Listen for the difference between the **short a** sound and the **long a** sound:

hat / hate bat / bait lack / lake sat / sate tack / take gab / Gabe ban / bane tap / tape razz / raise cap / cape

Dan / Dane fat / fate sack / sake pad / paid <mark>ran /</mark> rain pan / pain can / cane Jan / Jane <mark>man /</mark> mane Bal / bale

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## Short a and Long a

## Sentences

1. Can Gabe tape his cap to his cape?

2. Dan will ban tacks for the sake of pain.



3. Maine has rain, but lacks a lake.

4. Dan will tap the cane with his hat.

5. We sat at the lake in the rain.



6. The mad man hates the ban on tacks.



7. Dad's job is to raise the gate.

8. Pack the bag and take the bait.

9. The rain will make Jack late today.