



Pam and the Jam

A DecodiVerse Story



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Reading Level: Kindergarten

Short vowel words your child can sound out letter by letter

Words to watch for: jam, hat, cat, rug, mop

Before you start: Look at the cover. What do you think Pam has in that pot?



Pam has a big pot of jam. Red
jam!



She dips in a bun. Drip, drip! Jam is on her hands.



Pam wipes her hands on her hat.
Oh no! The hat has jam!



The cat hops up. He licks the jam pot. The pot tips!



Jam is on the mat! Jam is on the
cat! Jam is on the rug!



Mom runs in. "Pam! Not my rug!"



Pam grabs a rag. She mops and mops and mops.



"All done!" Pam grins. But the cat has jam on his chin.

Reading Guide

For Parents & Teachers

HOW TO READ THIS TOGETHER

- Let your child point to each word as they read. If they get stuck, help them sound out each letter, then blend the sounds together.
- Ask your child to find all the words with the short 'a' sound — jam, hat, cat, mat, rag, grabs!

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover. What do you think Pam has in that pot?
- Point to the word 'jam.' Can you sound it out? /j/ /a/ /m/

DURING READING

- (Page 3) Jam is on Pam's hat! What do you think will happen next?
- (Page 5) Jam is everywhere! Can you find three things the jam is on?
- (Page 7) Pam is mopping. Do you think she will get it all clean?

AFTER READING

- What was the funniest part of the jam mess?
- Can you think of other words that rhyme with 'jam'?

PHONICS FOCUS

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Practice words: jam, hat, cat, rug, mop

FOR PARENTS

This story uses short words your child can sound out one letter at a time — like j-a-m and h-a-t. Sounding out these CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words builds the blending skills that strong readers rely on.

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