Phonics Short-A Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:
Scavenger hunt worksheet (pages 2)
15 Phonics short-a word cards (pages 3-6)
Scissors and scotch tape

Preparation
Print the word cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.

Make copies of the scavenger hunt worksheet. Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 15 word cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on chairs, on the pencil sharpener, on the back of your classroom door, on the side of student desks, on the white board, or wherever you like.

Activity
Students receive a copy of the scavenger hunt worksheet. They have to search the room and find all of the phonics word cards.

When they find a card, they:
1. Say the word aloud
2. Spell the word aloud
3. Neatly write the word on their worksheet

Management tips
1. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

2. Don’t be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it’s more fun when they have to search around a little.

   Examples of good hiding spots might include:
   • sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
   • the back of the classroom door
   • laying flat on the bookshelf
   • on the back of the teacher’s chair
   • on the side of your computer monitor

3. Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they’re done, or you may have them help other students find Word Cards.
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Find the /ă/ short-a words in your classroom. Write the words on this page.

Word 1: ________________________ Word 2: ________________________

Word 3: ________________________ Word 4: ________________________

Word 5: ________________________ Word 6: ________________________

Word 7: ________________________ Word 8: ________________________

Word 9: ________________________ Word 10: ________________________

Word 11: ________________________ Word 12: ________________________

Word 13: ________________________ Word 14: ________________________

Word 15: ________________________

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Word Card 1

Short-A

Word Card 2

Short-A

Word Card 3

Short-A

Word Card 4

Short-A

rat bag

cat

sad

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Short-A

Word Card 5

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Word Card 6

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Short-A

Word Card 9

map

Word Card 10

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Short-A

Word Card 13

Short-A

Word Card 14

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