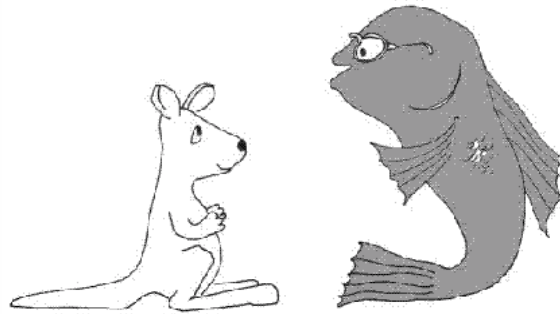


QUACK, YAP AND RAT-A-TAT TAT (ANIMAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY)

A dialogue script for a beginning reader to read with an accomplished reader
Just read it together, or go all out and make costumes and put on a play.
It is also fun to read this into a tape recorder.



Focus:

Three-sound words with short a

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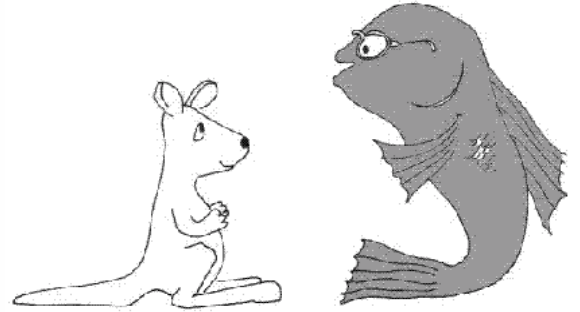
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This is a story that a student and a tutor can read together. The student takes the role of **Boing Boing**. The tutor can take the rest of the roles. The lines scripted for the student are beginning phonics words.

Short "a" words ending in "ack":

tack
sack
zack

mack
back



Short "a" words ending in "ap":

tap
sap
zap

map
bap

Short "a" words ending in "at":

tat-a-fat nat
mat-a-cat pat
sat-a-hat vat
bat-a-gat yat
zat-a-wat zat

This story also includes some silly sounds. (You can substitute your own favorite silly sounds if you prefer). The sounds and the symbols for the sounds used are as follows. (Don't worry, you don't really have to memorize these symbols).

mouth pop sound 

slurp sound 

snort sound 

sniff sound 

tongue click sound 

puff sound 

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Narrator: At the corner of two very busy streets, in the center of Animal City there is a big gray-brick school building. The school is called The Animal Language Academy. Here all different kinds of animals go to learn each others' languages. Hippos learn to speak Birdish; earthworms go to learn Centipese; ducks go to learn Hench.

Professor Flip Flop is the teacher of first year students at the Academy. Professor Flip Flop is a fish. Boing Boing is a young kangaroo who is in Professor Flip Flop's beginning class. Boing Boing is having trouble in class learning the new languages. Professor Flip Flop is giving Boing Boing some extra help after school. The weather is so nice this afternoon that Professor Flip Flop has opened the window, which opens onto the street.

Professor Flip Flop: OK Boing Boing, I'm going to give you some extra help. You were having trouble in class this morning learning Duckish, Dogian, and Woodpeckese. Let's go over the lesson again. Let's start with Duckish.

Ducks speak Duckish and they say "quack".

Now repeat after me: "quack".

Boing Boing: **tack**

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong. Ducks say "quack", not "tack!"

Repeat after me: "quack, quack".

Boing Boing: **mack, mack**

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong. Ducks say "quack, quack", not "mack, mack!"

Repeat after me: "quack, quack, quack".

Boing Boing: **sack, sack, sack**

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong, wrong. Ducks say "quack, quack, quack", not "sack, sack, sack!"

Let's go on to advanced Duckian: when ducks get excited they add sounds to their quacks.

An excited duck says: "quack (mouth pop sound), quack (mouth pop sound),
quack (mouth pop sound - mouth pop sound)".

Boing Boing: **back * back ***
back * *

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong (mouth pop sound), wrong (mouth pop sound), wrong (mouth pop sound - mouth pop sound). Excited ducks say "quack (mouth pop sound), "quack (mouth pop sound), quack (mouth pop sound - mouth pop sound)" not "back (mouth pop sound), "back (mouth pop sound), back (mouth pop sound - mouth pop sound)"

Repeat after me: quack quack
quack quack
quack quack
quack quack
(mouth pop sound - slurp sound - mouth pop sound)
quack - quack

Boing Boing: **tack, tack**
mack, mack
sack, sack
back, back
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zack, zack

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong-wrong (mouth pop sound - slurp sound - mouth pop sound) wrong-wrong! When will you ever learn the RIGHT way to speak Duckish???. I'm ready to give up!

Narrator: About right then, the King of the Ducks just happened to walk by the open class room window on his way to an important animal meeting in City Hall. He overheard Boing Boing trying to speak Duckish.

King of the Ducks: I just heard you trying to speak Duckish, young kangaroo. You said:
tack tack
mack mack
sack sack
back back
(mouth pop sound - slurp sound - moth pop sound)
zack - zack

...You know I like that! "Quack-quack" is sort of boring compared to that. I'm the King of the Ducks so I'm going to make a new law. From now on ducks don't say "quack-quack". From now on, I have decided that ducks will say:

tack tack
mack mack
sack sack
back back
(mouth pop sound - slurp sound - moth pop sound)
zack - zack!

Young Kangaroo, you have made Duckish so much more fun to speak. I'm going to put a plaque in your honor on the wall in City Hall. And from now on, Professor Flip Flop, be sure to teach your students this new way of speaking Duckish. No more "quack-quack"!

Professor Flip Flop: Yes, Your Majesty, from now on I will teach all my students that ducks say:

tack tack
mack mack
sack sack
jack jack
(mouth pop sound - slurp sound - moth pop sound)
zack - zack.

Narrator: The King of the Ducks went on to his important animal meeting and Professor Flip Flop continued to teach Boing Boing.

Professor Flip Flop: OK Boing Boing, You still need extra help in the other animal languages. You were having trouble in class this morning learning Dogian. Let's go over the lesson again. Dogs speak Dogian and they say "yap".
Now repeat after me: "yap".

Boing Boing: tap

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong. Dogs say "yap", not "tap!"
Repeat after me: "yap, yap".

Boing Boing: map, map

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong. Dogs say "yap, yap", not "map, map!"
Repeat after me: "yap, yap, yap".

Boing Boing: sap, sap, sap

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong, wrong. Dogs say "yap, yap, yap", not "sap, sap, sap!"

Let's go on to advanced Dogish: when dogs get excited they add sounds to their yaps.

An excited dog says: "yap (snort sound), yap (snort sound),
yap (snort sound - snort sound)".

Boing Boing: **bap** ✨ **bap** ✨

 bap ✨ ✨

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong (snort sound), wrong (snort sound), wrong (snort sound - snort sound). Excited dogs say "yap (snort sound), "yap (snort sound), yap (snort sound - snort sound)" not "bap (snort sound), "bap (snort sound), bap (snort sound - snort sound)"

Repeat after me: yap yap
 yap yap
 yap yap
 yap yap
 (snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound)
 yap - yap

Boing Boing: **tap,** **tap**

 map, **map**

 sap, **sap**

 bap, **bap**

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 zap, **zap**

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong-wrong (snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound) wrong-wrong! When will you ever learn the RIGHT way to speak Dogian???

I'm ready to give up!

Narrator: About right then, the Boss of the Dogs just happened to walk by the open class room window on his way to the important animal meeting in City Hall. He overheard Boing Boing trying to speak Dogian.

Boss of the Dogs: I just heard you trying to speak Dogian, young kangaroo. You said:

tap tap
map map
sap sap
bap bap
(snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound)
zap - zap

...You know I like that! "yap-yap" is sort of boring compared to that. I'm the Boss of the Dogs so I'm going to make a new law. From now on dogs don't say "yap, yap". From now on, I have decided that dogs will say:

tap tap
map map
sap sap
bap bap
(snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound)
zap - zap

Young Kangaroo, you have made Dogian so much more fun to speak. I'm going to put a plaque in your honor on the wall in City Hall. And from now on, Professor Flip Flop, be sure to teach your students this new way of speaking Dogian. No more "yap, yap"!

Professor Flip Flop: Yes, Your Bossness, from now on I will teach all my students that dogs say:

tap tap
map map
sap sap
bap bap
(snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound)
zap - zap.

Narrator: The Boss of the Dogs went on to his important animal meeting and Professor Flip Flop continued to teach Boing Boing.

Professor Flip Flop: OK Boing Boing, You still need extra help in the other animal languages. You were having trouble in class this morning learning Woodpeckese. Let's go over the lesson again. Woodpeckers speak Woodpeckese and they say "rat-a-tat tat".

Now repeat after me: "rat-a-tat tat".

Boing Boing: **tat-a-fat nat**

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong. Woodpeckers say "rat-a-tat tat", not "tat-a-fat nat!"

Repeat after me: "rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat".

Boing Boing: mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong. Woodpeckers say "rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat", not "mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat!"

Repeat after me: "rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat".

Boing Boing: sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong, wrong, wrong. Woodpeckers say "rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat", not "sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat!"

Let's go on to advanced Woodpeckese: when woodpeckers get excited they add sounds to their rat-a-tat tats. An excited woodpecker says:

"rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound), rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound), rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound - tongue click sound)".

**Boing Boing: bat-a-gat yat * bat-a-gat yat *
bat-a-gat yat * ***

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong (tongue click sound), wrong (tongue click sound), wrong (tongue click sound - tongue click sound). Excited woodpeckers say "rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound), "rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound), rat-a-tat tat (tongue click sound-tongue click sound)", not "bat-a-gat yat, (tongue click sound), "bat-a-gat yat, (tongue click sound), "bat-a-gat yat, (tongue click sound - tongue click sound)"

Repeat after me: rat-a-tat tat rat-a-tat tat

rat-a-tat tat rat-a-tat tat

rat-a-tat tat rat-a-tat tat

rat-a-tat tat rat-a-tat tat

(tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound)

rat-a-tat tat rat-a-tat tat

**Boing Boing: tat-a-fat nat, tat-a-fat nat
mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat
sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat
bat-a-gat yat, bat-a-gat yat**

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zat-a-wat zat

Professor Flip Flop: Boing Boing, that is wrong-wrong (tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound) wrong-wrong! When will you ever learn the RIGHT way to speak Woodpeckese??? I'm ready to give up!

Narrator: About right then, the President of the Woodpeckers just happened to walk by the open class room window on his way to the important animal meeting in City Hall. He overheard Boing Boing trying to speak Woodpeckese.

President of the Woodpeckers: I just heard you trying to speak Woodpeckese, young kangaroo. You said:

tat-a-fat nat, tat-a-fat nat
mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat
sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat
bat-a-gat yat, bat-a-gat yat
(tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound)
zat-a-wat zat

...You know I like that! "Rat-a-tat tat" is sort of boring compared to that. I'm the President of the Woodpeckers so I'm going to make a new law. From now on woodpeckers don't say "rat-a-tat tat". From now on, I have decided that woodpeckers will say:

tat-a-fat nat, tat-a-fat nat
mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat
sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat
bat-a-gat yat, bat-a-gat yat
(tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound)
zat-a-wat zat

Young Kangaroo, you have made Woodpeckese so much more fun to speak. I'm going to put a plaque in your honor on the wall in City Hall. And from now on, Professor Flip Flop, be sure to teach your students this new way of speaking Woodpeckese. No more "rat-a-tat tat"!

Professor Flip Flop: Yes, Mr. President, from now on I will teach all my students that woodpeckers say:

tat-a-fat nat, tat-a-fat nat
mat-a-cat pat, mat-a-cat pat
sat-a-hat vat, sat-a-hat vat
bat-a-gat yat, bat-a-gat yat
(tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound)
zat-a-wat zat

Narrator: The President of the Woodpeckers went on to his important animal meeting and Professor Flip Flop continued to teach Boing Boing.

Professor Flip Flop: Well Boing Boing, you have made three animal languages more fun to say and you now have three plaques in your honor in City Hall! I think that is enough work for one afternoon! Let's go over everything one more time and we can both go home. Boing Boing , what do ducks say?

Boing Boing: **tack, tack**

 mack, mack

 sack, sack

 back, back

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zack, zack

Professor Flip Flop: Right, right
 right, right
 (mouth pop sound - slurp sound - mouth pop sound)
 right, right

Now, Boing Boing, What do dogs say?

Boing Boing: **tap, tap**

 map, map

 sap, sap

 bap, bap

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zap, zap

Professor Flip Flop: Right, right
 right, right
 (snort sound - sniff sound - snort sound)
 right, right

And the last one, Boing Boing: what do woodpeckers say?

Boing Boing:

tat-a-fat nat,

tat-a-fat nat

mat-a-cat pat,

mat-a-cat pat

sat-a-hat vat,

sat-a-hat vat

bat-a-gat yat,

bat-a-gat yat

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zat-a-wat zat

Professor Flip Flop:

Right, right

right, right

(tongue click sound - puff sound - tongue click sound)

right, right

Great lesson, great lesson

Great lesson, great lesson

(mouth pop sound - slurp sound - snort sound - sniff sound - tongue click sound - puff sound)

Go home, go home

Narrator: So Boing Boing ran all the way home. Boing Boing couldn't wait to tell the family how (he or she) had changed the way ducks and dogs and woodpeckers speak.

THE END

