

Instructional Animation

English Scripts

Nonsense Words

Let's learn all about **nonsense words**. We have learned that in English every letter has a sound for example the letter **F** makes the /f/ sound the letter **a** makes /a/ sound and the letter **t** makes /t/ sound

We have also learned that when we put certain letters and their sounds together, we can form words like **fat**

/f/ /a/ /t/ -fat

Many times in the new English language you are learning not only how to put these sounds together, to read new words, but you are also learning what these new words mean. As we read new words, we can use their pictures to help us understand what they mean in English.

In order to learn to read well in English, we must have a lot of practice in combining our letters and our sounds

the more we practice, the easier it becomes to know which sound belongs to each letter and how we can put those together to read new words. Sometimes, for practice, we will use a special type of word.

These words are known as nonsense words. Nonsense words have no meaning, like in the word **lat** /l/ /a/ /t/ -lat What is **lat**? Lat doesn't mean anything in English, it's just a **nonsense word**, a silly word to practice combining our letters and our sounds in English.

While many of the words you read in English will have pictures to help you understand what they mean, **nonsense words** will simply be for practice. Because you are still learning what new words mean, as you read them in English, your teacher will show you this picture of a silly face anytime you are reading a nonsense word if you see this silly face you can be sure that the word you're reading is just as silly, and it has no meaning, it is simply there to show that you know which sounds belong to which letters and to practice putting those together.

Let's practice reading a word that has a meaning in English and then reading a **nonsense word**, a word simply to practice combining our letters and our sounds

the word is **MAT mat** /m / /a/ /t/ -mat we read **mat**, and we understand what this new word means by looking

at its picture we have practiced combining our letters and sounds, but we have also learned a new word in the English language! we can use the picture to help us understand. Now let's look at another word.

The word is **tas** do you see what I see? The silly face... this means that this word has no meaning, it's only there to practice combining my letters and my sounds /t/ /a/ /s/ -tas. **Tas** is a **nonsense word**, it has no meaning.

I am simply practicing how to read by combining my letters and my sounds, as you continue to practice and learn how to read in English your teacher will be using the picture of the silly face anytime you are reading.

This will help you know if you are learning a new word with meaning in English, or if you are simply practicing reading by combining your letters and your sounds.