

# [æ] and [a]

Watch the video below, listen and repeat the words:

Pronounce the following words:

Abstract	
Act	
At	
Alps	
Am	
An	
And	
Angle	
Ankle	
Ant	
Apple	
As	
Ash	
Ask	
Asks	
At	
Babble	

Back	
Backed	
Backpack	
Backs	
Bad	
Badge	
Bag	
Band	
Bang	
Bank	
Bass	
Bat	
Batch	

What is the most common spelling pattern for [æ]? and how much percent this spelling pattern represent in the language?

Spelling pattern:	Percentage in American English:

Does the sound [æ] occur at the end of words in English?

Now watch the video and practice for the sound [a]

Aunt	
Block	
Bob	
Bottle	
Box	
Calm	
Chop	
Clock	
Cob	
Cod	

Cotton	
Crop	
Dock	
Doll	
Dot	
Drop	
Flock	
Flop	
Fond	
Fox	
Got	
Gotten	
Honk	
Hop	
Hot	
Job	
John	
Knob	
Knock	
Knot	

What are the percentages of the spelling patterns below for the sound [a] in American English, according to the video?

Spelling pattern “o” as in the word got	%
Spelling pattern “a” as in the word want	%
Spelling pattern “al” as in the word calm	