

Phonics Worksheet: The Wa- Rule

Name: _____ Date: _____

Learning Goal

I can identify when the letter **a** makes the short /a/ sound or the short /o/ sound.

Remember the Rule!

When the letter **a** comes after the letter **w**, it often makes the short /o/ sound, as in *water*, *walk*, and *wander*.

Your Task

Read each word in the word bank. Write each word in the correct column. Think carefully about the sound the letter **a** makes!

1. wax	6. water
2. walk	7. wag
3. wacky	8. wander
4. wash	9. waxy
5. watch	10. wagon

Short a /a/ as in <i>cat</i>
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Short o /o/ as in <i>hot</i>
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Challenge!

Choose one word from each column and write a sentence using both words.
