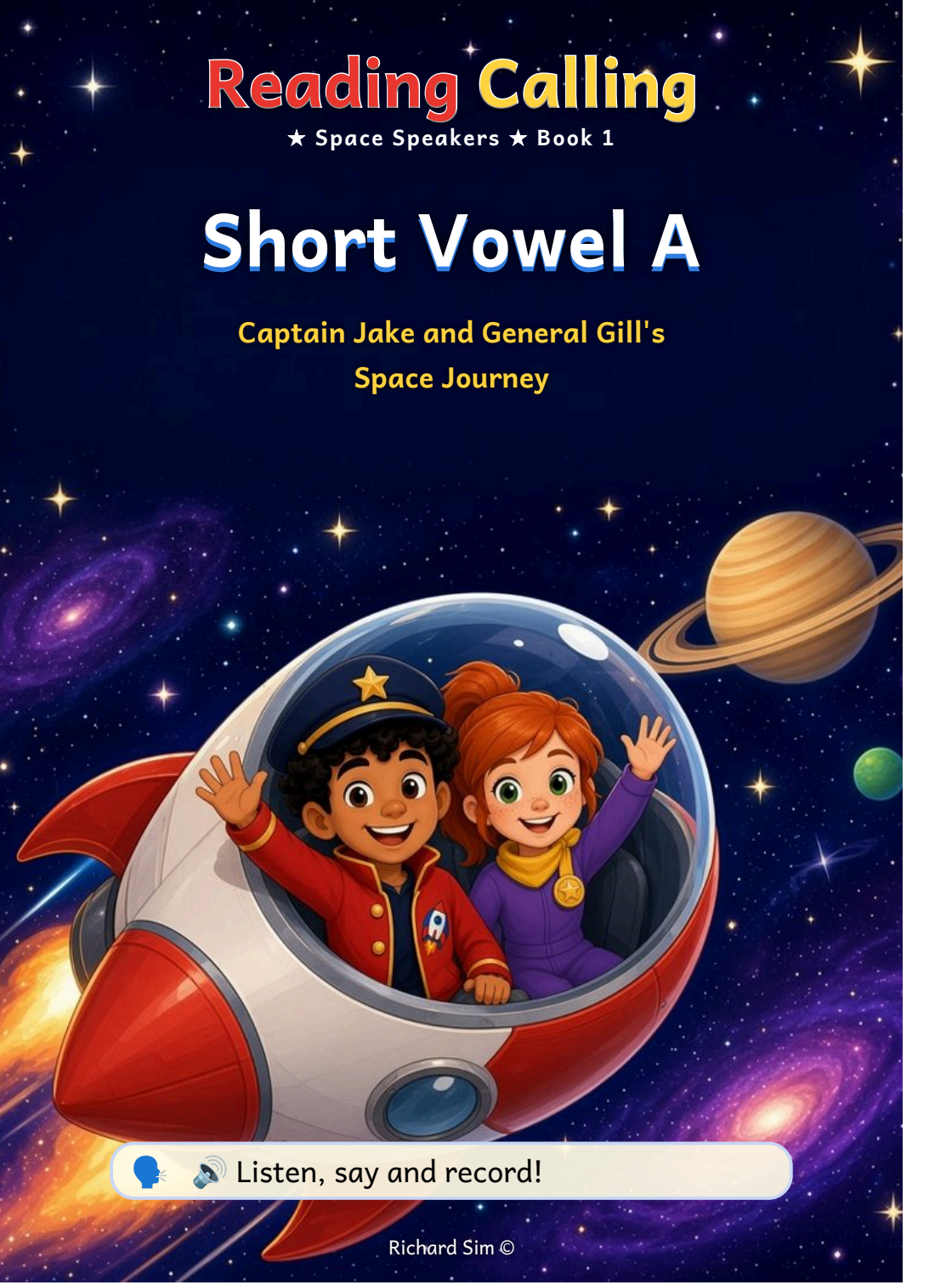
Reading Calling

★ Space Speakers ★ Book 1

Short Vowel A

Captain Jake and General Gill's Space Journey



🗣️ 🔊 Listen, say and record!

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Meet the Crew!



Captain Jake

🗣️ Hi! I am Jake. I have a **cap**.



General Gill

🗣️ Hi! I am Gill. I have a **plan**!



Crab

🗣️ I am a **crab**. I am **glad**!

Short **a** says **/æ/** ...

🗣️ a... a... **cat**, **apple**!



👂 **Listen.** 🗣️ **Say it.** 🎤 **Record.** ▶ **Compare!**

Listen and Repeat 1

Say each word 3 times: **c – *a* – t, cat!**



cat



hat



map



bag



van



crab



Stretch the middle sound: *aaa*!

Listen and Repeat 2

Say each word 3 times: **c – *a* – t, cat!**



man



jam



cap



flag



sand



apple



Stretch the middle sound: *aaa*!



SAY THE SENTENCE

1. Blast Off!

Jake has a **cap** and a **map**.

Gill **packs** a **bag**.

They get in the **Black Cat**.

3, 2, 1... **blast** off!



Where are they going? Turn the page!



SAY THE SENTENCE

2. The Gas Tank

Oh no! The **gas tank** is low.

Gill **has** a **plan**.

She **grabs** a **can** of **gas**.

"**Fantastic**!" says Jake.

Now the ship can land. Turn the page!



SAY THE SENTENCE

3. Planet Zap

They **land** on **Planet Zap**.

The **sand** is red and hot.

Jake puts a **flag** in the **sand**.

Look! **Tracks** in the **sand**!



Who made the tracks?



SAY THE SENTENCE

4. The Crab and the Map

A **crab** runs up **fast**.

Snap! It **grabs** the **map**!

"Stop, **crab**!" says Gill.

She opens her **bag**. The **crab** hops in!



Will they get the map back?



SAY THE SENTENCE

5. A Happy Crab

The **crab** is not **bad**. It is **sad**.

It wants a **snack**!

Gill gives it **jam** and an **apple**.

The **crab** is **glad**. It gives back the **map**.



Now they can fly home!



SAY THE SENTENCE

6. Saturn's Rocks

They zoom **past Saturn**.

Rocks **crash**! **Bang**! **Bang**!

"Go left, **Captain**!" says Gill.

Jake **acts fast**. Phew!



Nearly home...



SAY THE SENTENCE

7. Back at Camp

The **map** shows the way back.

The **Black Cat lands** at **camp**.

Jake and Gill **clap** their **hands**.

The **crab** waves. "**Thanks**, **pals**!"



The End! Now tell the story.

Picture Talk 1



? What can you see?

I can see a **crab** and a **bag**.

? Is the crab big?

No. It is a little **crab**.

? What has the crab got?

It has got the **map**!



Ask a friend. Then swap!

Picture Talk 2



? What can you see?

I can see **jam** and **apples**.

? Is the crab sad?

No! The **crab** is **happy**.

? What has Jake got?

Jake has a **sandwich**.



Ask a friend. Then swap!

Role-Play: Jake and Gill



Child A = **Jake** · Child B = **Gill**



Jake: Help, Gill! The **crab** **has** the **map**!

Gill: Don't worry, Jake. I **have** a **plan**.

Jake: What is your **plan**?

Gill: Look! I **have** a **bag** and some **jam**.

Jake: The **crab** hops in. **Fantastic**!

Gill: Here is your **snack**, **crab**. **Thanks** for the **map**!



Use a big voice and act it out!

Tongue Twister!



🗣️ **Captain Jake packs** a **black bag**.

🗣️ A **crab grabs** the **black bag fast**!

🗣️ 🐢 Slow... then 🚀 FAST!



Say it 3 times. Faster each time!

Space Chant 🎵

🗣️ **Clap**, **clap**, **clap** your **hands**!

🗣️ The **Black Cat lands** on the **sand**.

🗣️ **Map** and **cap** and **jam** and **bag**,

🗣️ Wave, wave, wave the **flag**!

🗣️ 🎵 Whole chant

👏 Clap on every red word!



Stand up and do the actions.

Hear the Difference!

Open your mouth wide for ***a***! 😮

🐱 🗣️ **cat**	vs	✂️ 🗣️ **cut**
🎩 🗣️ **hat**	vs	🔥 🗣️ **hot**
🎒 🗣️ **bag**	vs	🐛 🗣️ **bug**
🗺️ 🗣️ **map**	vs	🧹 🗣️ **mop**
🧢 🗣️ **cap**	vs	☕ 🗣️ **cup**

🗣️ 🎧 Listen: cat / cut · hat / hot · bag / bug



Teacher says one word – child points!

Mission: Show and Tell 🚀



Find a short **a** thing at home: a **bag**, a **cap**, a **hat** or a **map**.

- This is my **bag**.
- It is **black**.
- I **can pack** my **bag**!

Hold it up and say 3 sentences. Record and play it for your family!



Change the word: hat, cap, map, cat...

Speaking Certificate

Short Vowel A · Space Journey

This award goes to

_____

can say short **a** words, tell the space story, and say a tongue twister and a chant!



🗣️ Well done, astronaut! Mission complete!

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

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