Tape Script - PR 5.2
Ash /æ/ (*fad*) vs Script A /ɑ/ (*cot*) or Open O /ɔ/ (*boss*)
(old symbols: Short A -a- vs Short O -o- or Short Back O -ô-)

Note: All Script A words may be pronounced acceptably with Open O.

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PR Tape 5.2 **Listening practice for the vowel sounds -a- – short a (/æ/ Ash) –
and -o- – short o (/ɑ/ Script A).**

Part 1:   Listen to the pairs of words. The first word in each pair has the -a-
sound (Ash) – the same sound you hear in *fat*. The second word in each
pair has the -o- sound (Script A) – the same sound you hear in *father*.
Listen:

hat - hot	mam - mom
sack - sock	black - block
cap - cop	battle - bottle

Part 2:   Tell which column each word goes in. Words with -a- (/æ/) go in column
1; words with -o- (/ɑ/) go in column 2. *Hat* is in column 1; *hot* is in
column 2. Say "1" or "2". Begin:

Column 1	**Column 2**
hat	hot

Part 3:   Tell which column each sentence goes in. Sentences with -a- (/æ/) go in
column 1; sentences with -o- (/ɑ/) go in column 2. *Did you find the cap?*
is in column 1; *Did you find the cop?* is in column 2. Say "1" or "2".
Begin:

Column 1	**Column 2**
Did you find the cap?	Did you find the cop?

This is the end of PR Tape 5.2.

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PR 5.2-C   **Pronunciation practice for the vowel sounds -a- -- short a (Ash) and -o- – short o (Script A).**

Part 1:   Repeat:

college
average
His grades in college were below average.
practical
knowledge
practical knowledge
has
lot
He has a lot of practical knowledge.
His grades in college were below average, but he has a lot of practical knowledge.

large
salaries
large salaries
factory
have
Factory workers here often have large salaries.
job
satisfaction
job satisfaction
not
not much job satisfaction
Factory workers here often have large salaries but not much job satisfaction.

Part 2:   Repeat the phrases in the box:

fox	hat	can
socks	bag	jacket
hot dog	taxi	rabbit
bottle	salad	wagon
helicopter	camel	hamburger

Now, say **three words** from that box for each category you hear.

Example: clothing   **socks, hat and jacket**

Begin:

>food
>animals
>containers
>vehicles
>clothing

Part 3:   Repeat the phrases:

be absent from the lab a lot

graduate from college with above average grades

shop for products with maximum value

adopt a lot of her roommate's bad habits

carry large amounts of cash in a back pocket

spend the night before a hard exam just relaxing

act in a logical fashion when faced with a problem

try to solve her financial problems without bothering her family

Now, make sentences using the facts given to predict what Janet would or wouldn't do. Janet is a very careful and responsible person who always thinks before she acts. She's also very independent and prefers not to rely on other people for help. From these facts, try to predict what Janet would do. Add "*She probably would...*" or "*She probably wouldn't..*" at the beginning of each phrase you hear.

Begin:

This is the end of PR Tape 5.2-C.