Sounds at Play

Read, mark, and write words with two sounds of a.

2.LF.38.j "Encode words with a after w read /ä/ and a before l read /â/."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word with a after w that says /ä/, and circle each word with a before l that says /â/ to show how the letter a can change sound.

A Clean Ball

1. At the park, I watch Dad wash a muddy ball. He dips it in a pail and rubs it with a cloth. I want to help, so I hold the pail while he scrubs.
2. By the wall, my little sister waits for the ball. The wall is tall, but she can still see Dad. She makes a small circle with her hands and says, "Toss it here!"
3. Then Dad gives the ball one soft toss. My sister catches it before it can fall. She calls, "I got it!" I watch her grin. Dad says we can play until the sun goes down.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Dad cleans the ball. Write the word in paragraph 1 that tells how he cleans it. What sound does its a make?

2. The wall is high. Write the word in paragraph 2 that means high. What sound does its a make?

3. Write the word in paragraph 3 that tells what the ball might do if no one catches it. What sound does its a make?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two new sentences about something you could do after school. Use one word with a after w that says /ä/ and one word with a before l that says /â/. Underline those two words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word with a after w that says /ä/, and circle each word with a before l that says /â/ to show how the letter a can change sound. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Dad cleans the ball. Write the word in paragraph 1 that tells how he cleans it. What sound does its a make?	**wash, /ä/**
2	The wall is high. Write the word in paragraph 2 that means high. What sound does its a make?	**tall, /â/**
3	Write the word in paragraph 3 that tells what the ball might do if no one catches it. What sound does its a make?	**fall, /â/**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I watch the birds after school. I call my brother to join me.

Accept after-w words such as watch, wash, and want, and before-l words such as ball, wall, tall, small, fall, and calls. For Your Turn, accept two original sentences with one correctly underlined word for each target sound and spelling pattern.