

The sounds of **a**

¹ a 'a'	² a 'ay'	³ a 'ah'	⁴ a 'aw'	⁵ a 'o'
<p>a usually says 'a' before a consonant within the same syllable</p> <p>at hat</p>	<p>a usually says 'ay' at the end of a syllable</p> <p>la-dy ba-by</p> <p>a usually says 'ay' when the word ends with silent e</p> <p>made cake</p>	<p>a may say 'ah' before two consonants</p> <p>fa-ther</p>	<p>a always says 'aw' before ll or lk</p> <p>ball wall</p>	<p>a usually says 'o' after w</p> <p>was want</p>