

Lesson 49: All, Awl, and Alk

Phonics Rule: “A” in the middle of a syllable is usually short ă, but the l changes it to a broader sound similar to the short ǒ.

All:

all	ball	fall	hall
small	wall	call	mall
tall	pall	gall	squall
bas/ket/ball	tall/er	small/est	stall

Awl:

awl	bawl	drawl	shawl
brawl	crawl	sprawl	trawl
scrawl			

Alk:

walk	talk	chalk	stalk
sidewalk	walkie-talkie	pep/talk	calk



A Small Act of Random Kind/ness

One day, **all** the **tall** kids were out/side playing **bas/ket/ball**. The weather was cool since it was **fall**. The **small** kids sat **sprawled** on the **wall**. They began to **call** to the **taller** kids. “Can we play **basketball**, too?”

“Y’all are too **small**,” the **tall** boys said with a **drawl**. “Y’all are not **tall** enough to hit the **basketball** goal. Why don’t **all** **y’all small** kids go to the **mall** and play with the **balls** in the **ball** pit? Maybe you can get some **chalk** and **scrawl** on the **side/walk**.”

All the **small** kids begin to **squall** and **bawl**. Then one of the **tall** boys came over and gave them a **pep/talk**. “Aww... don’t cry. Do **y’all** really want to play **ball** with us?” He asked kindly.

“Yes!!!” the **small** boys answered in unison.

“O.K.,” said the kind boy gently. “**Y’all** come over here and we’ll help you out.”

The **small** boys raced over to the **basketball** court, and the **tall** boys lifted them up and put them on their shoulders so that they could make the baskets. It was so much fun!!! They **all** played together until it was time to go home. When the moms of the tall boys and the small boys **called** them all home for dinner, the **tall** boys



stalled. “We’re not ready to go home yet!” But they wanted to obey their mothers, so the **tall** boys lowered the **small** boys to the ground and **walked** them home. The **tall** boys gave the **small** boys high fives and said with a **drawl**, “Y’all come back and play **basketball** with us any/time you want, ya hear?!”

The young boys never forgot the **small** act of random kind/ness that the **tall** boys did for them that day. In their eyes, the **tall** boys became their heroes. Those **small** boys grew up and became **tall**, and wherever they went, they always re/mem/bered to play with the little kids, because they knew how much it meant to them. Will you do the same?

JESUS said:

“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.”

-Matthew 18:10, New Living Translation

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Which season is this story set in (winter, spring, summer, or fall)?
2. Who were the heroes in this story?
3. Why were they heroes?

PROJECT: Do you have a little brother or sister? What small act of random kindness could you do today to make him or her feel special?