

Dear Family:

The concept in Unit 5 of Foundations® is one that your child should grasp quickly.

The sounds of the letters **m** and **n** come through the nose and because of this, the short vowel sound of **a** is somewhat distorted. Therefore, I teach the children that **/am/** as in **ham** and **/an/** as in **fan** are *glued* together because it is difficult to separate the **a** from the **m** or **n**.

The word **ham** will be tapped this way: **/h/** touching index finger to thumb; then the **/am/** touching middle finger and ring finger (glued together) to the thumb.

Make sure your child knows the letters, keyword, and sound for **am** and **an**.

Say the letters **a - m**, then the keyword **ham**, then the sound **/am/**.

Say the letters **a - n**, then the keyword **fan**, then the sound **/an/**.

The **all** sound from Unit 4 is also “glued” together. Be sure to keep the pictures for these sounds with all of the other Keyword Pictures.

Sincerely,

