A block before the list. The below list-block uses \texttt{start-indent=5mm}, \texttt{provisional-label-separation=8mm} and \texttt{provisional-distance-between-starts=2cm}.

\begin{enumerate}
\item The label of this list item was short, just a single 'a'. I guess that is rather normal, I mean that item labels are shorter than the corresponding list item body.
\item A rather long label This is the list-item-body for the item with a long label. See how nicely the content of the label wraps because of its \texttt{end-indent=label-end()}. But if it would produce more lines than this item-body, FOP would place the next label over it! Could that be correct?
\item Another list-item with a short label, a single 'b'.
\end{enumerate}