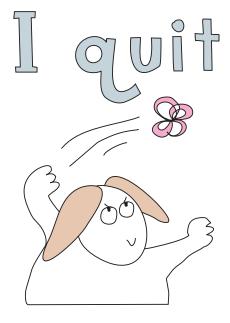
Alphabetti Book 3-19



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A Progressive Phonics book
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Alphabetti box:

t I I fr v w y x k z j q

(This book introduces the letter "q")

Words used in this book:

Letters learned in the first series:

Letters learned in the second series:

This is the letter 'q':

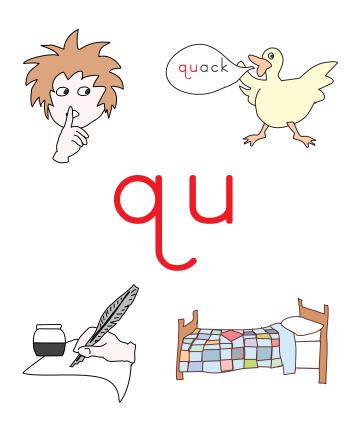
q

The letter "q" almost always has the letter "u" next to it:

qu

Trivia for teachers and parents: According to one lexicon (word list), there are 2,108 English words that use the "qu" digraph, including plurals and all possible conjugations. Meanwhile, according to Wikipedia, there are only 71 words that use the letter "q" alone (without the letter "u,"), and all of these words have been "borrowed" from other languages.

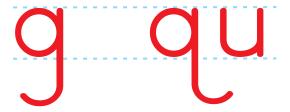
Together, the letter "q" and the letter "u" say "-kwuh-" like in quiet, quack, quilt and quill.

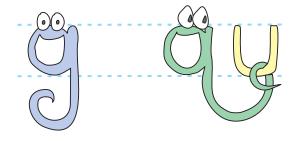


Note: If the child asks what the letter "q" sounds like all by itself, tell him that it sounds sort of like the letter "k," "kuh." But don't bring this up if the child doesn't ask; it is not necessary to know this at this time.

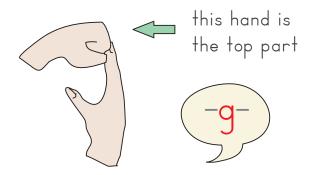
The letter 'q' and the letter "g" look a lot like each other, except that their little "tails" are pointing in different directions.

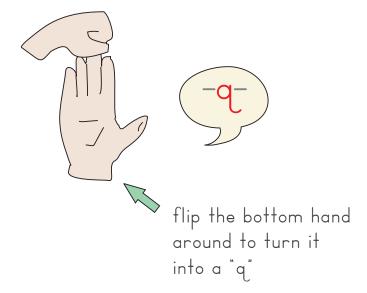
And how do you remember which one is the letter "q"? The "tail" of the letter "q" is always reaching out to check to see if the letter "u" is there.





We use two hands to make the letter 'q' and the letter 'q':



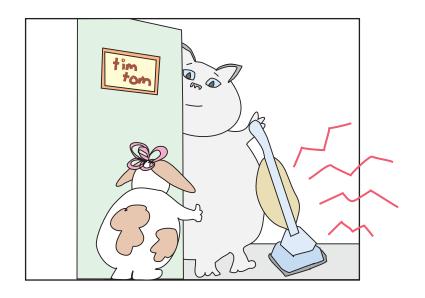


And when you make a "q" with your hands, remember to wiggle your thumb and make it say, "Where is my letter 'u'?!"



There is one word in this book that uses the letter "q." Can you read it?

quit



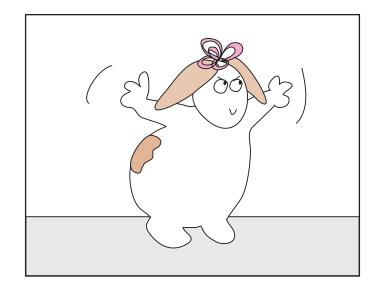
One day, when tim

and tom are cleaning

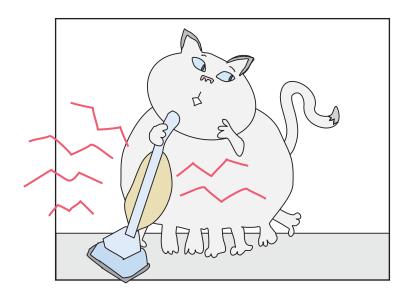
their house, the rabbit

comes knocking On

the door.



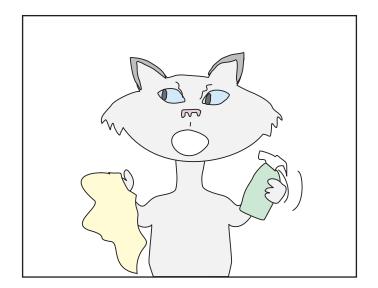
"I quit," says the rabbit. "I quit, I quit, I quit."



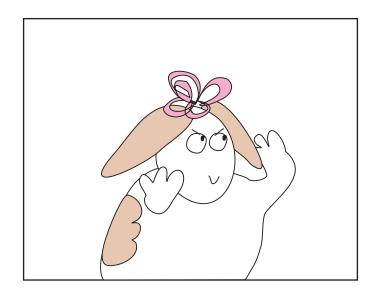
"What did he say?"

asks tom. "The vacuum

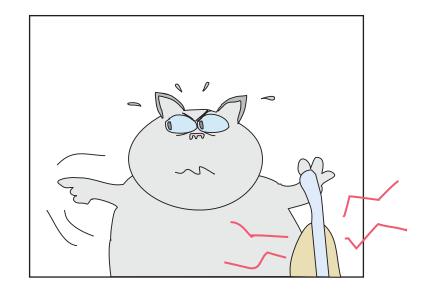
cleaner is rather loud."



"I think he said he is quick," says tim.



"No, no, no," says the rabbit, "quit, not quick. "I quit my job."

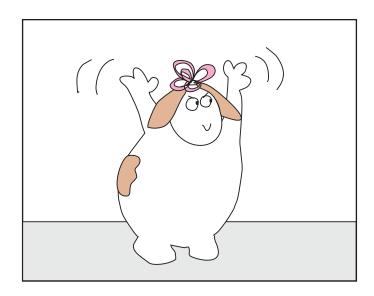


"You kicked a dog?" says

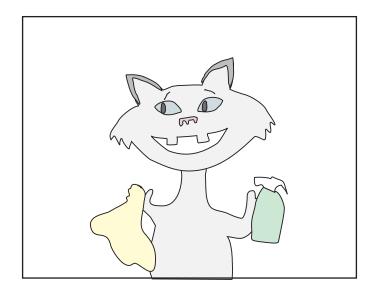
tom. "That wasn't very

nice."

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"I did not kick
anything," says the rabbit.
"I quit. I quit
my job."



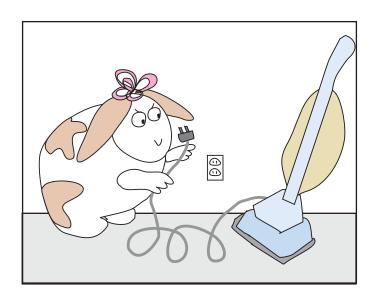
"Oh, knit a sock," says

tim. "How nice. did

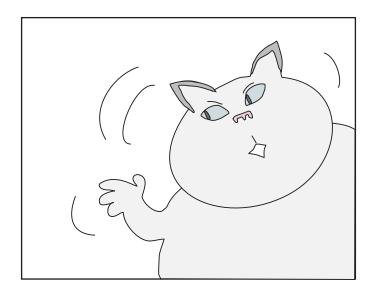
you hear that, tom?

The rabbit knitted a sock."

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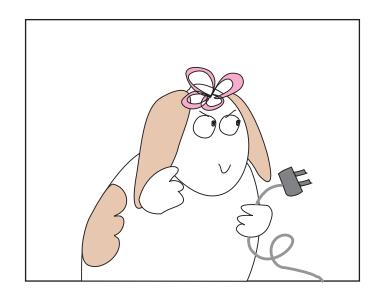


On the vacuum cleaner, and the room is suddenly quiet. "I said that I quit my job!"

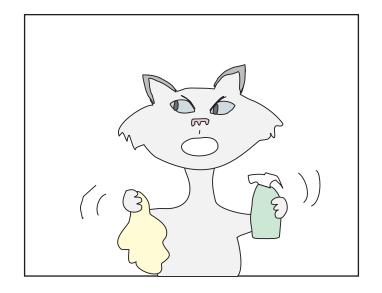


tom shakes his head.

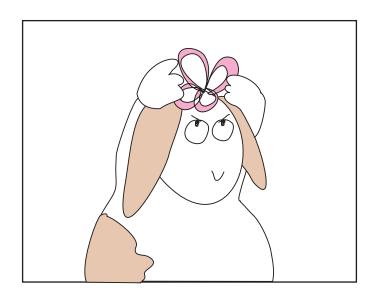
"You don't have a job,
so how Can you
quit?"



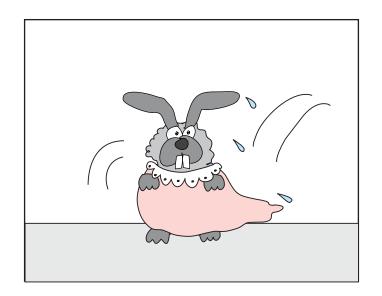
"I do so have a job," says the rabbit. "I have a job as a doctor, a job as a dentist... oh, and I also fly a jet."



"Then get to the point,"
says tim. "Which
job did you quit?"



"My hare dresser job,"
says the rabbit. "I can't
be a hare dresser if
my hare will not wear
dresses!"



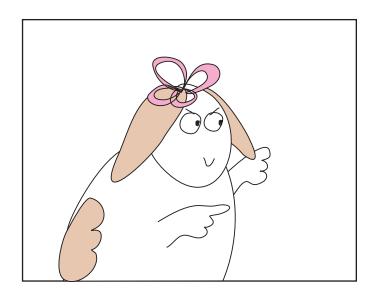
The wet hare bounces

into the room. "Of course

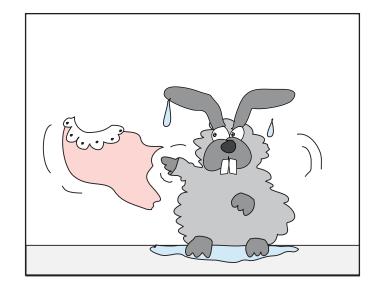
I will not wear a dress.

I am a boy. Boys

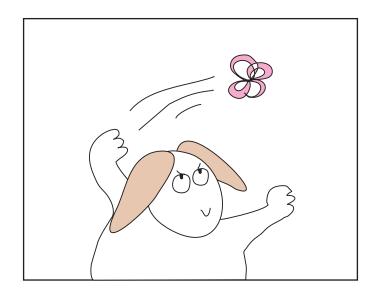
do not wear dresses!"



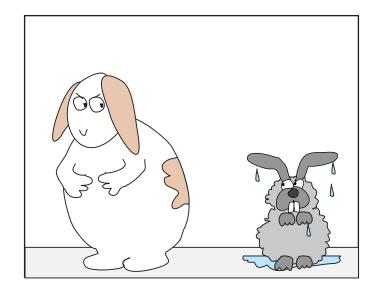
"Who cares if you are a boy?" says the rabbit. "You are a hare, and if is your job to wear a dress!"



"Then I quit!" says
the hare, throwing off his
pink dress.

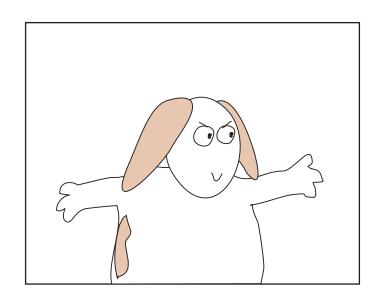


"I quit too," says the rabbit, throwing off his pink bow.

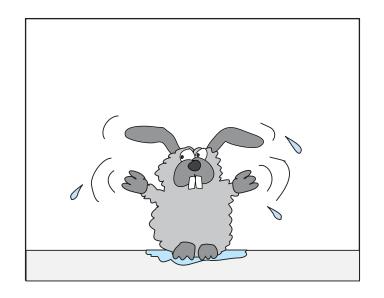


The rabbit and the Wet hare stare at each other for a minute or two.

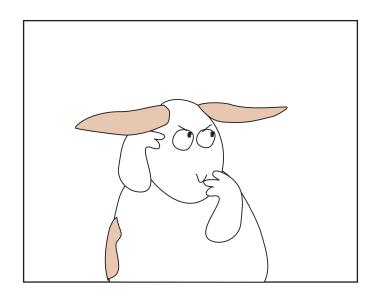
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"Well, what now?" says
the rabbit. "We can't
just stand around all
day."



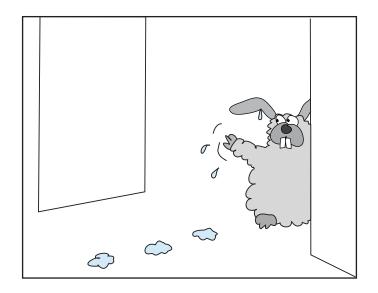
"I guess we could go and wash my hair," says the wet hare. "I got a little bit dirty when I walked over here."



"Yeah," says the rabbit.

"And I guess I could dress you in pants.

I don't HAVE to dress

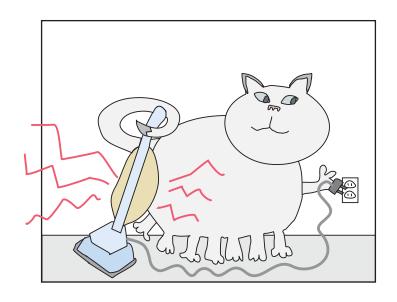


"Okey-dokey," says the

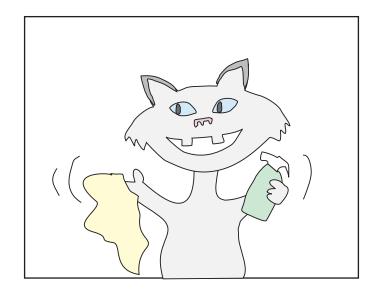
wet hare as he hops

out the door. "Goodbye,

tim, goodbye, tom!"

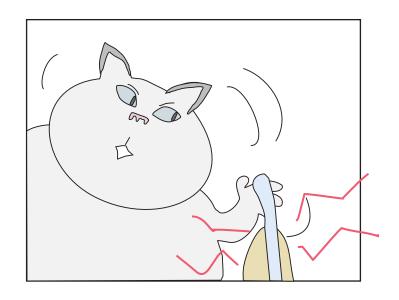


tom plugs the vacuum cleaner back in. "I wish I could quit cleaning. Don't you?"



"Quick cleaning is good,"
says tim. "Let's hurry

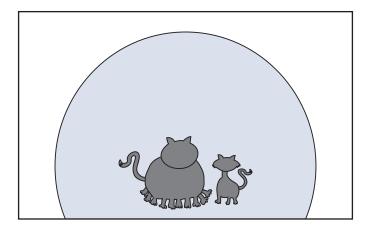
UP and finish!"



"Spinach?" says tom.

"Ewww! You know I

do not like spinach."



And tim and tom

lived happily ever after, even

if they did not

always hear what people were saying.

THE END