

c a t s m

Letters introduced in this book

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Alphabetti Book #1 The All Cat Club

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For my sister, Diana, who taught me how to read.

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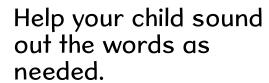
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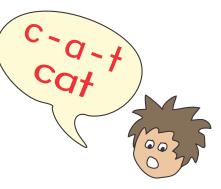
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Quick Start Guide



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.







Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

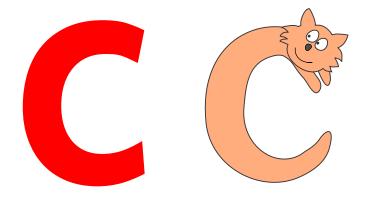
Don't rush it. Bodybuilders don't train in a day — neither does a child.



And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



This is the letter 'c' -



The letter 'c' says "-kuh- for cat."

Can you say "-kuh- for cat"?

When you make the "-kuh-" sound, don't make any voice sound.

The "-k-" sound is a kind of "click" in the back of your mouth.

We use the "-kuh-" sound in lots of words, like:



cat candy

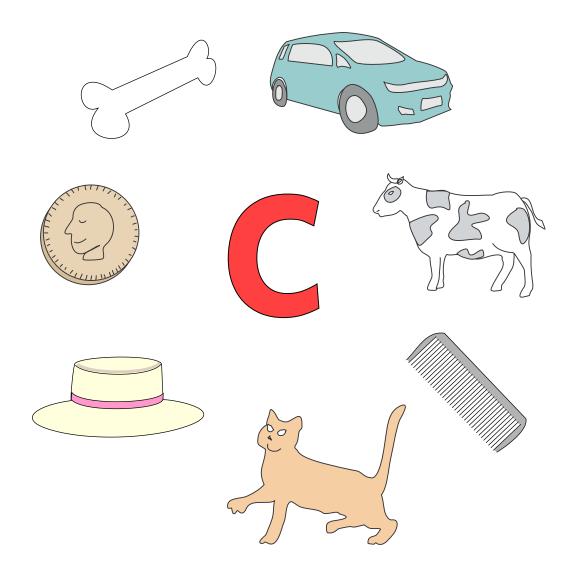
cup of coffee



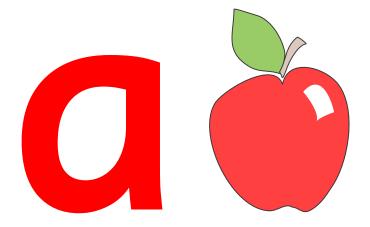


cow in a coat

Show me the pictures that start with the "-k-" sound.



This is the letter 'a' -



The letter 'a' says "-a- for apple."

Can you say "-a- for apple"?

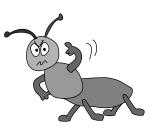
When you make the "-a-" sound, make the short vowel sound, like in cat, bad, man, etc.

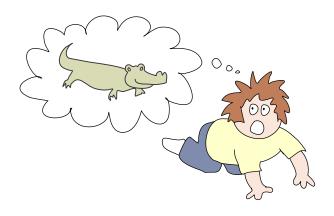
We use the "-a-" sound in lots of words, like:



animal alphabet

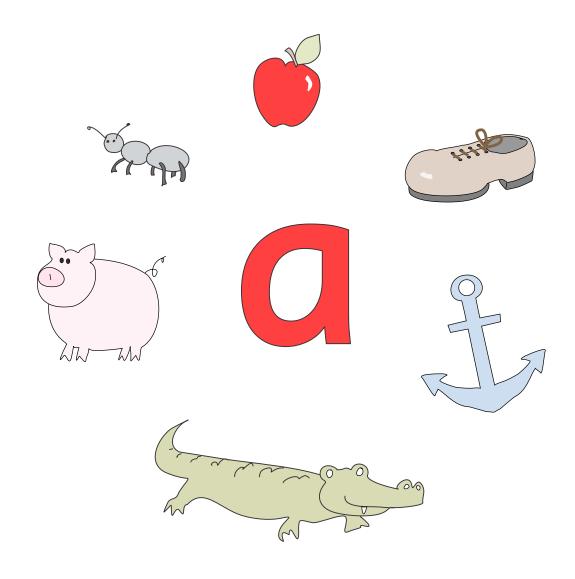




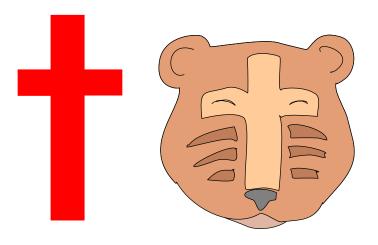


act like an alligator

Show me the pictures that start with the "-a-" sound.



This is the letter 't' -

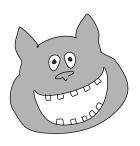


The letter 't' says "-t- for tiger."

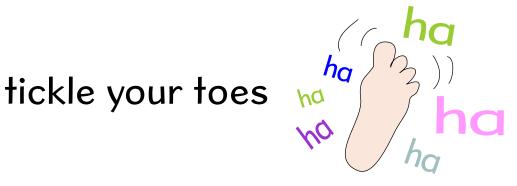
Can you say "-t- for tiger"?

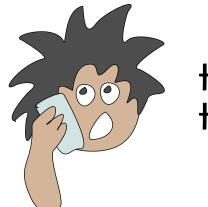
Note: The "-t-" sound is made with your tongue behind your front teeth. There isn't any "voice" coming from your throat.

We use the "-t-" sound in lots of words, like:



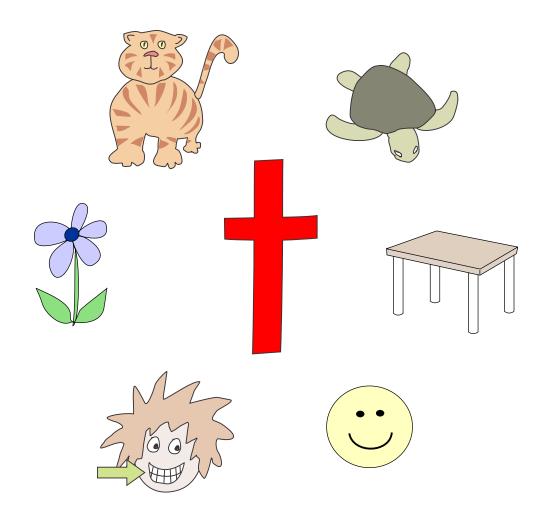
ten tiny teeth





talk on the telephone

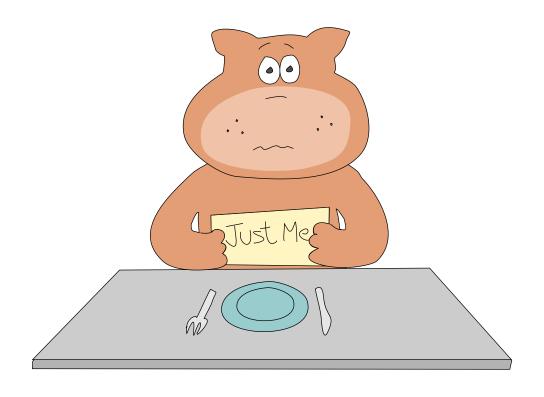
Show me the pictures that start with the "-t-" sound.



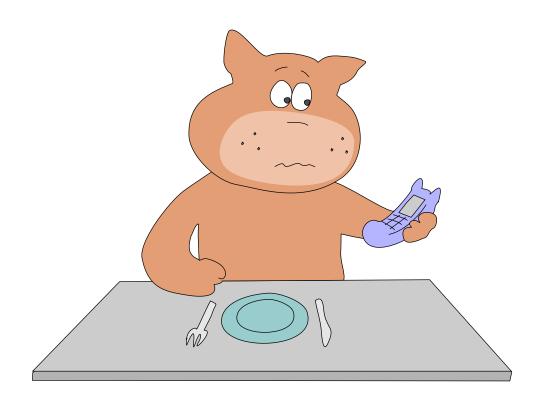
Here is a word we can make with these letters — can you read it?



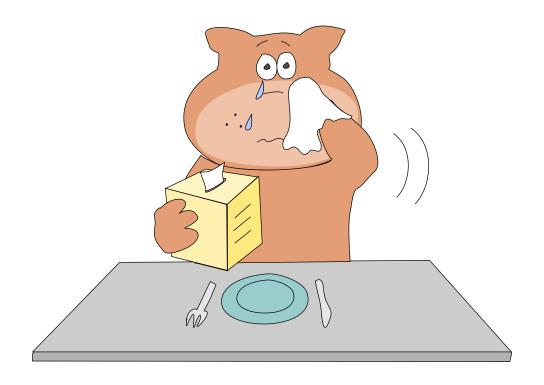
Good! Let's start the story...



There once was a Cat who lived alone.



No one ever called him on his little Cat phone.

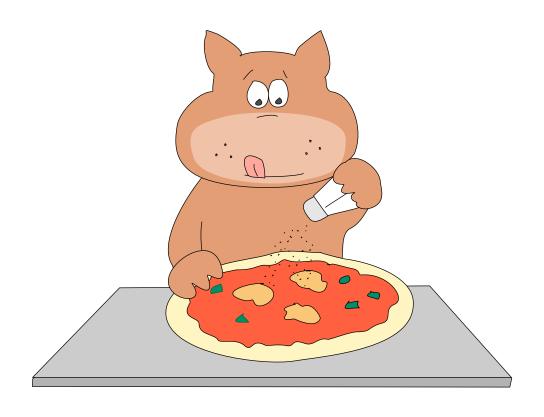


The Cat was sad — he was very, very lonely.



"If I only had a friend," said the Cat,

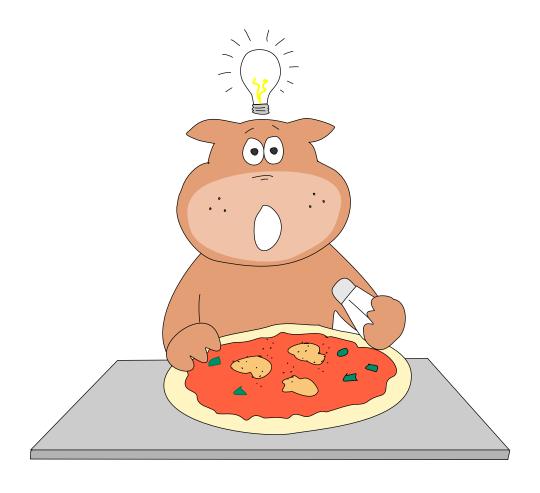
"oh, if only!"



Then one day,

as he peppered

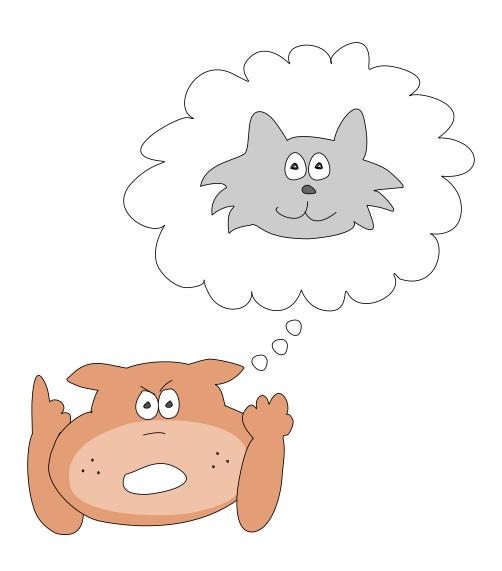
a pizza,



the Cat had a really big, meet-a-Cat idea.



"I will build a house and start a club..."



"...that only a Cat can be a member of."

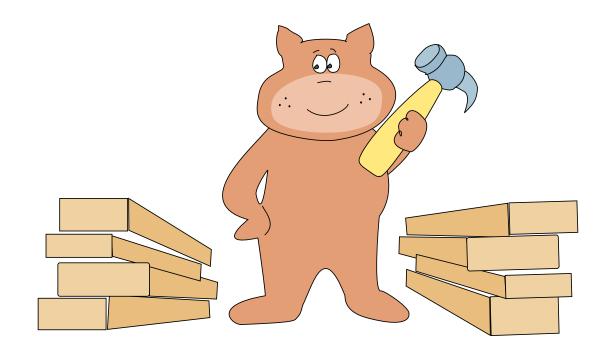


"And every Cat will join my club."

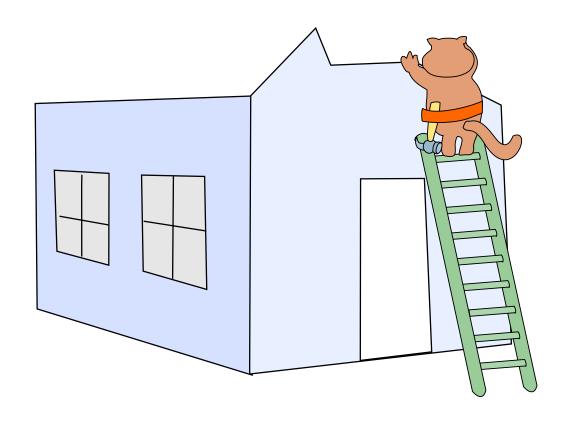


"It will be a big bowl of all-Cat

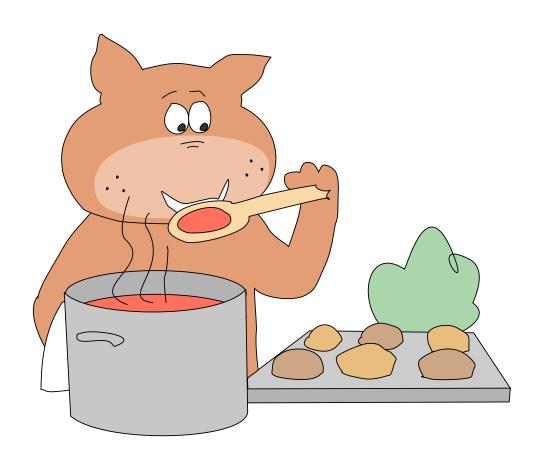
love!"



So the clever Cat got a hammer and some wood.



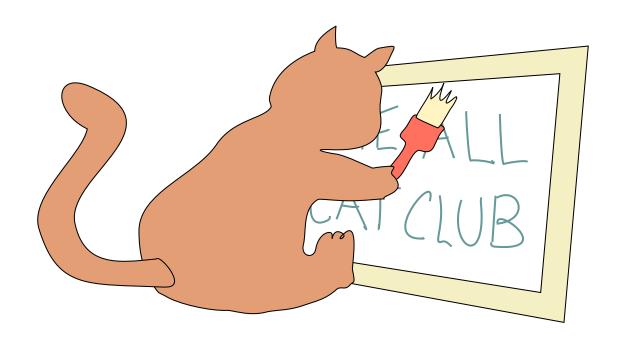
And he built a big house because he could.



He cooked a lot of food and yummy Cat snacks...



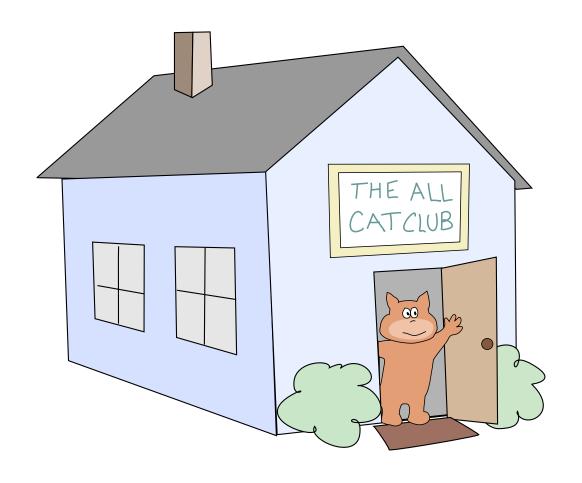
...with a little milk bowl for every Cat.



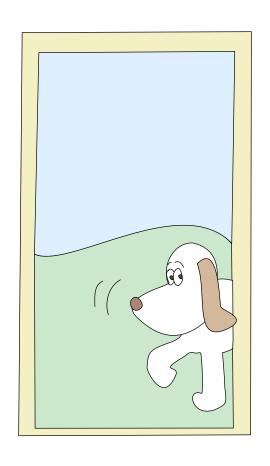
Then he painted a

sign: The All Cat

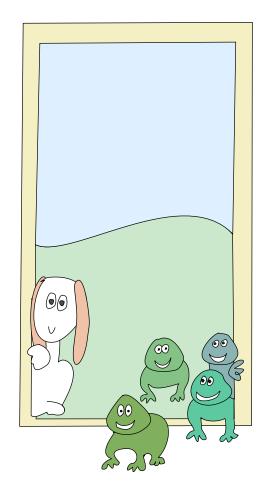
Club.



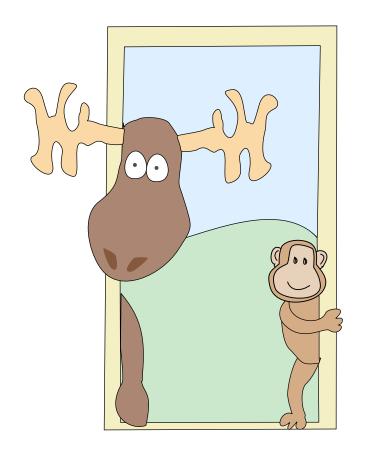
And he opened the door with the sign high above.



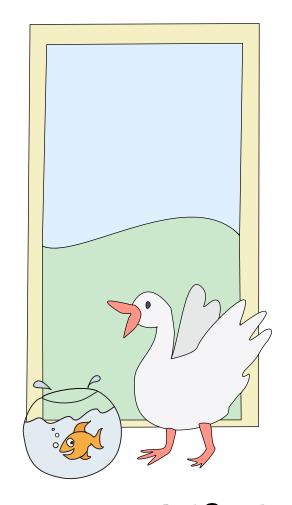
Two minutes later,
a dog was at the
door.



Then a rabbit and some frogs — maybe three of four.



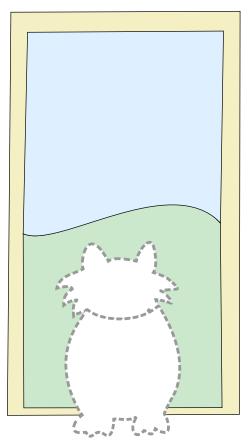
A monkey and a moose...



... a goldfish and a goose.



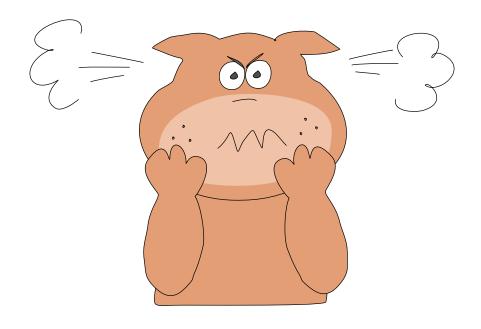
Lots of animals walked into the club.



But not one Cat—
there was no Cat
love.



"Oh, no!" said the Cat. "What am I going to do?"

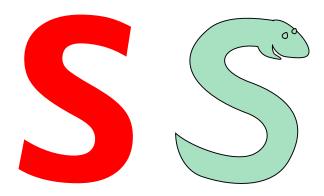


"My All Cat —

Club has become

a zoo."

This is the letter 's' -



The letter 's' says "-sssss- for snake."

Can you say "-sssss- for snake?"

We use the "-sssss-" sound in lots of words, like:



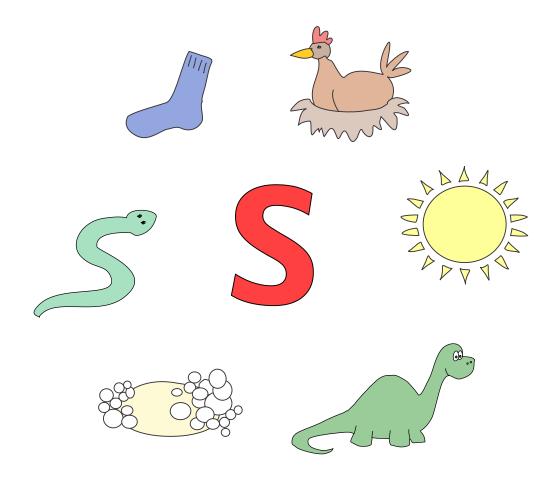
six silly socks

sing a sad song



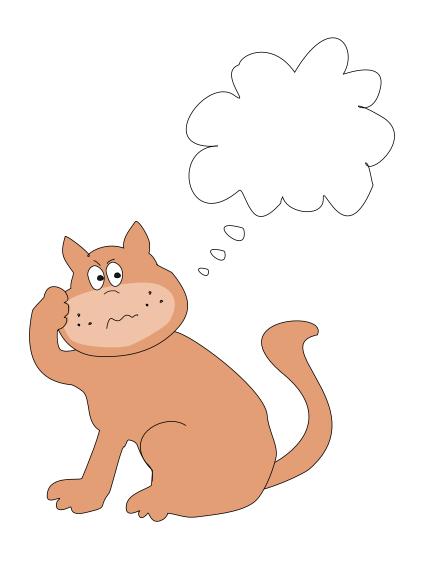


Show me the pictures that start with the "-sssss-" sound.

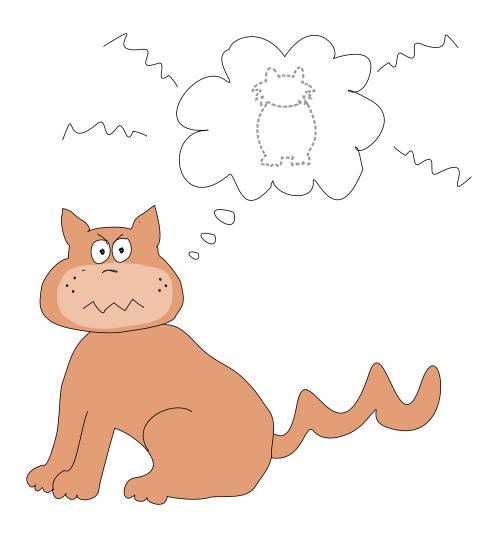


Here are some words we can make with the letters we know — can you read them?





The Cat sat and tried to think.



Not a CCT in his

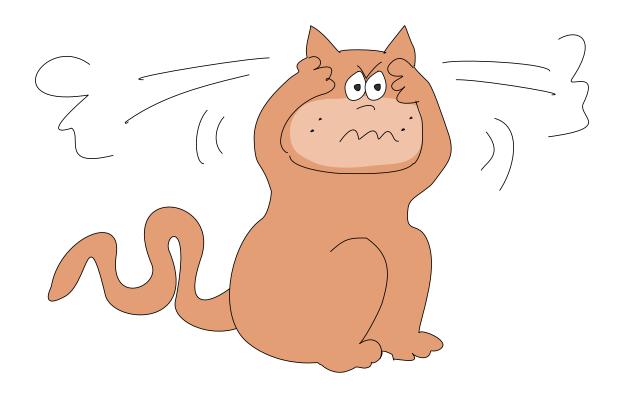
club? Wow, that

really stinks.

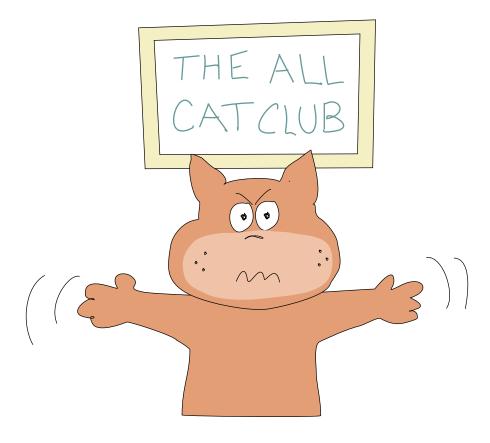
Stinks: American slang for something bad.



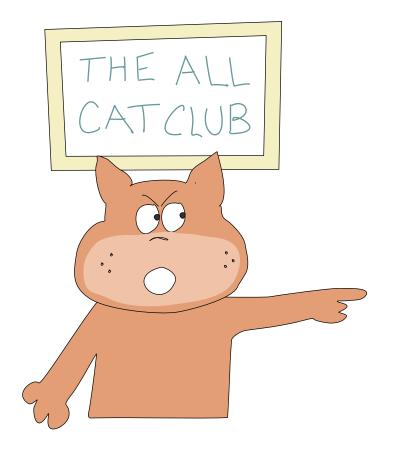
So the Cat sat and thought a lot...



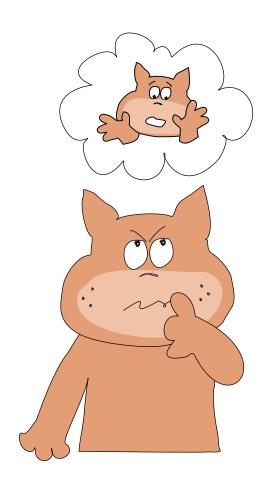
...and the longer he Sat, the madder he got.



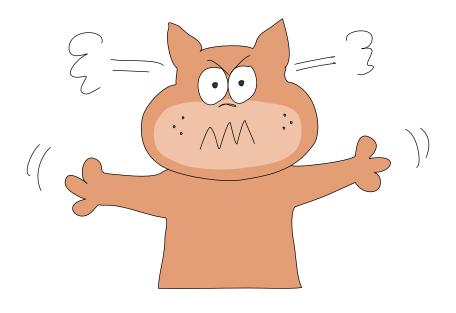
What were those animals thinking of?
How dare they join an all-Cat club!



He would tell every not-a-Cat to just go home!



But a little voice inside said, "Then you'll be alone..."

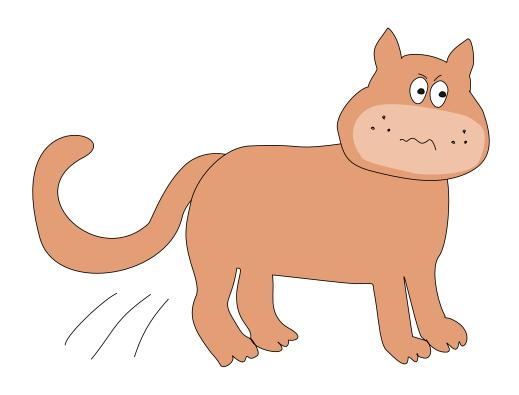


"I don't care!" the

Cat said to himself.

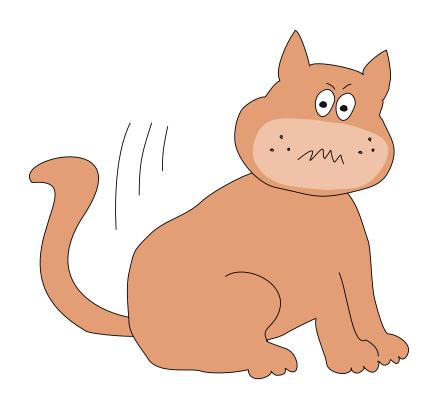
"It's an all-Cat club,

so it can't be helped!"

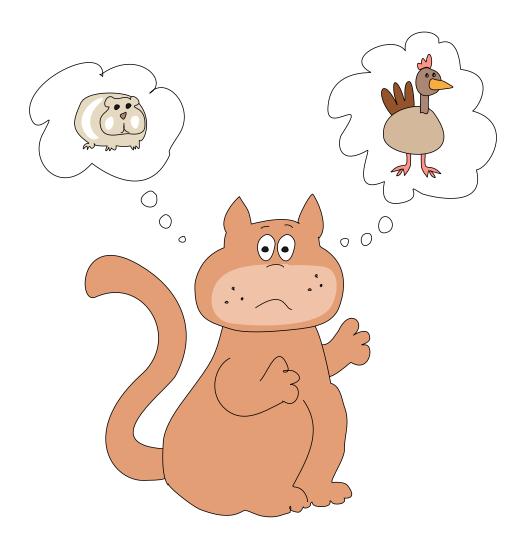


The Cat stood

up...



...and Sat down again.

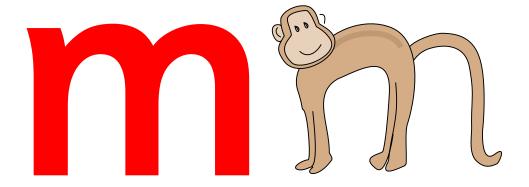


Who to talk to first?

The hamster or the

hen?

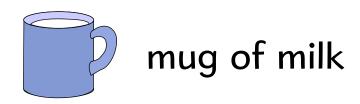
This is the letter 'm' -



The letter 'm' says "-mmm- for monkey."

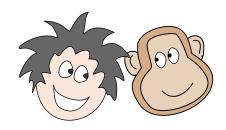
Can you say "-mmm- for monkey?"

We use the "-mmm-" sound in lots of words, like:



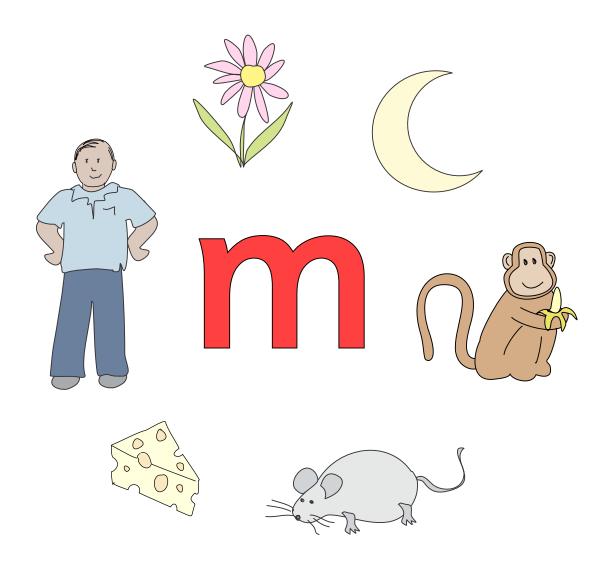
mouse on the moon





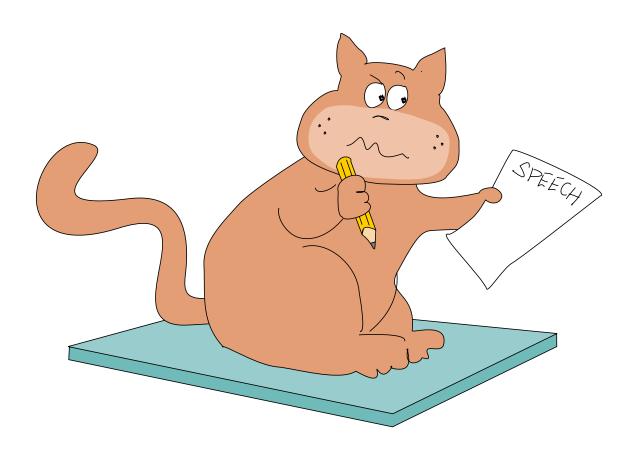
meet a monkey

Show me the pictures that start with the "-mmm-" sound.



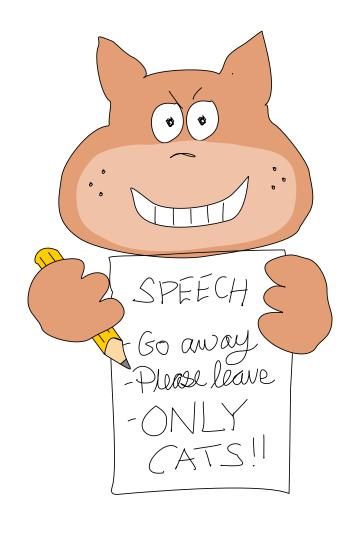
Here are some words we can make with the letters we know — can you read them?

cat sat mat

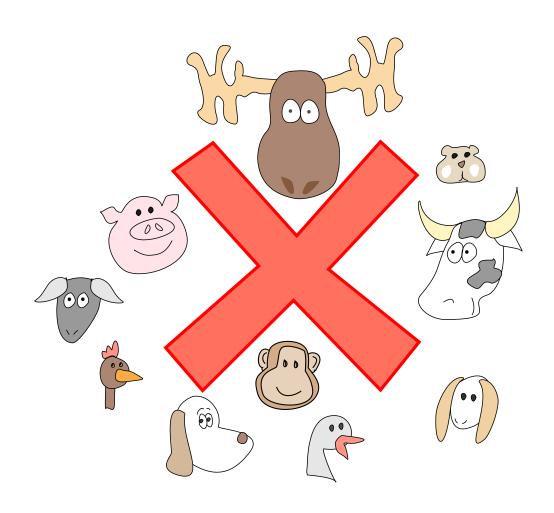


The Cat sat on his mat—he

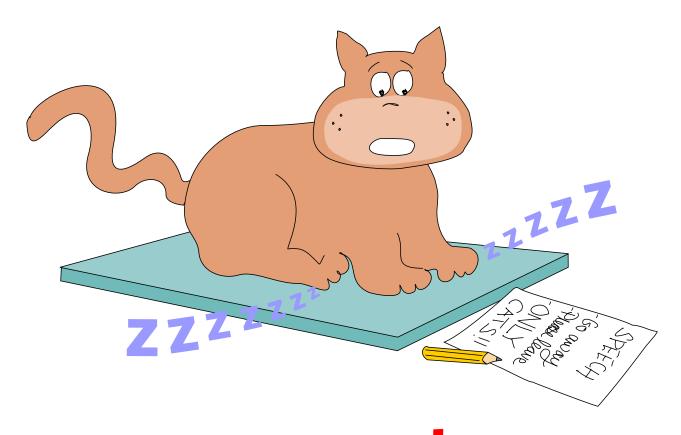
had to write a speech.



Those special words
(like, "Go away!) that
he would say to each



of the not-a-Cat
animals in his club
that only a Cat
can be a member of.



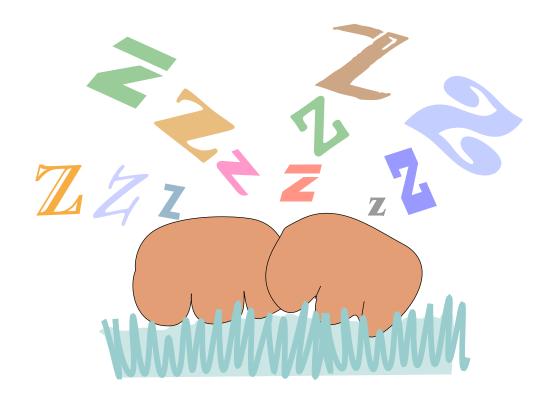
But the Mat was warm and soft and deep, and soon his Cat feet fell asleep.



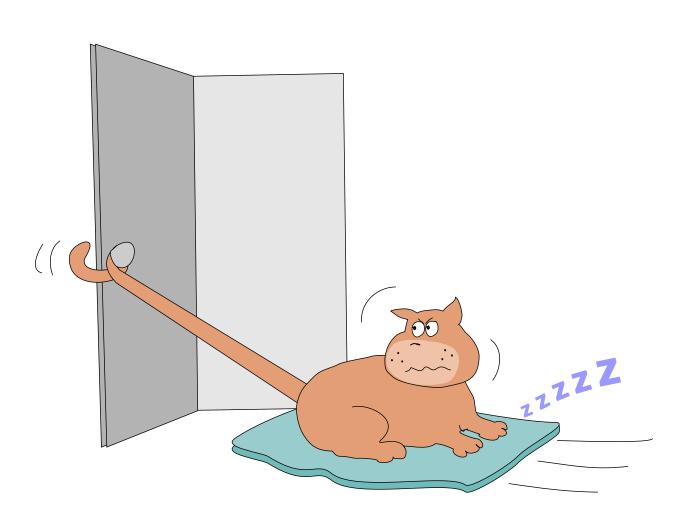
"Wake up!" said the

Cat to his sleepy feet.

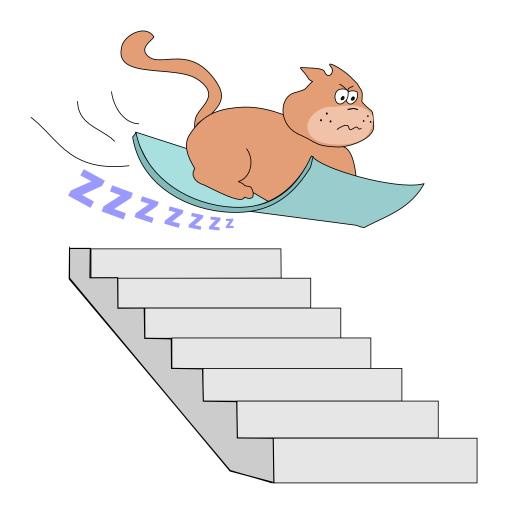
"I have to speak to the cow and the sheep!"



Down in the Mat, his feet just snored...



...so with his tail, he grabbed the door and pulled the Matacross the floor...



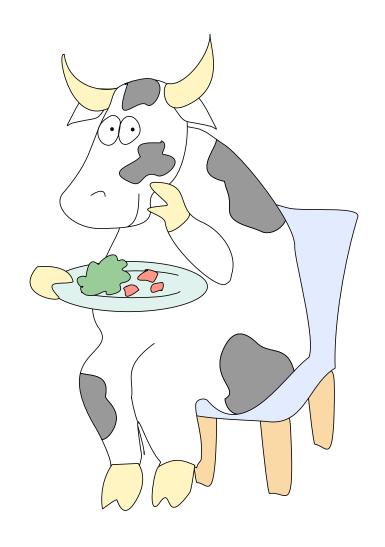
...down the steps and into the hall where the Cat on the mat would speak to them all.



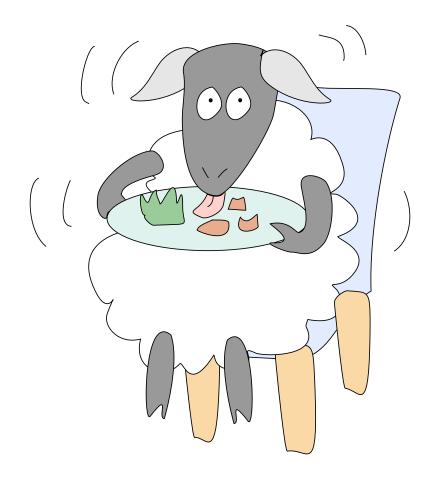
The animals Sat, and licked their plates...



As the Cat on the mat zoomed into the place.

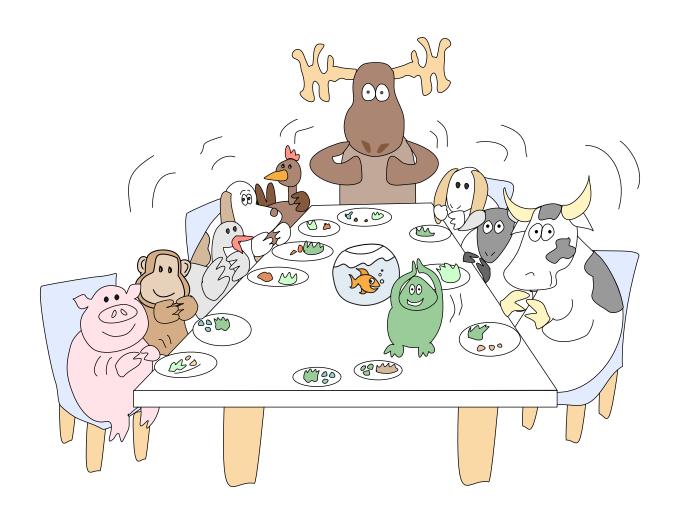


"Mr. Cat," said
the cow, "this food
is yummy!"

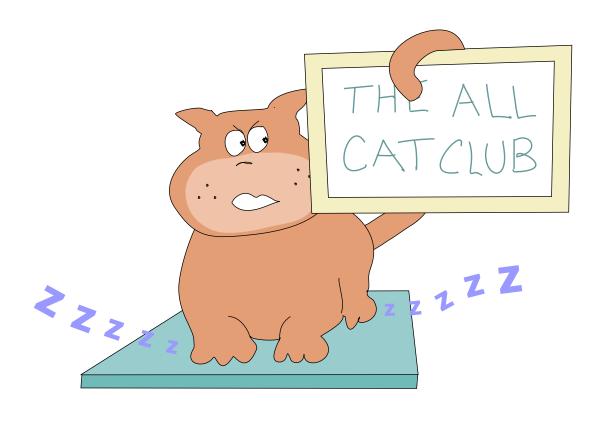


"Yes," said the sheep,

"I like it in my tummy!"



Then all the animals started to clap. "Hip, hip, hooray for the Cat on the mat!"



"Thank you." said the

Cat with a little Cat

whine, "but this is a club —

did you not see the sign?"



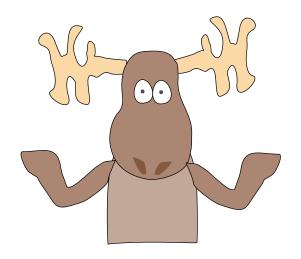
"A club?" said the monkey.

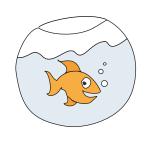
"A sign?" said the pig.



"Yes," said the Cat, "the sign is rather big."

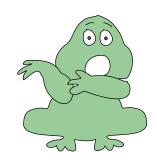
"But we can't read!"





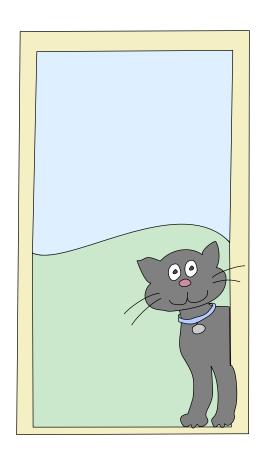
"We don't know what it says."

"We saw the open door."





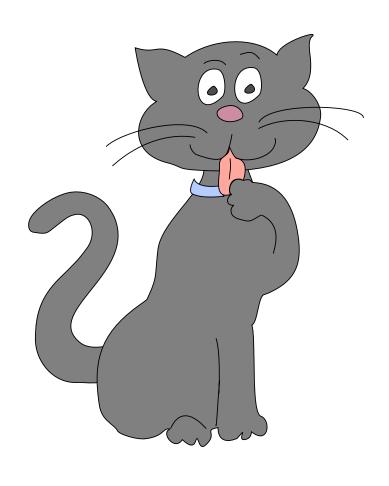
"And we smelled the garlic bread."



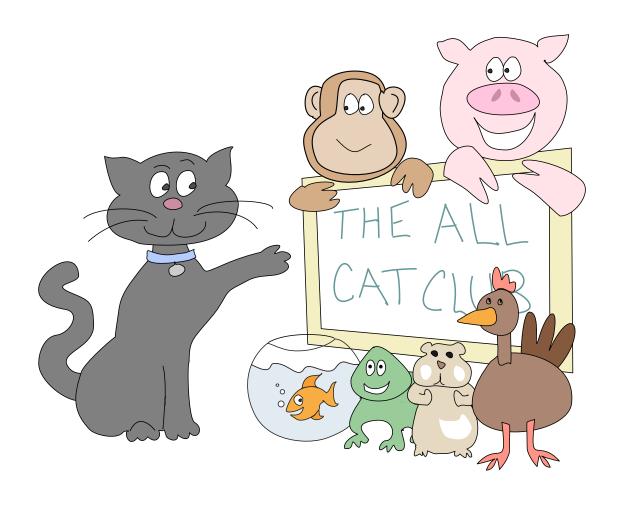
Just then another

Cat walked

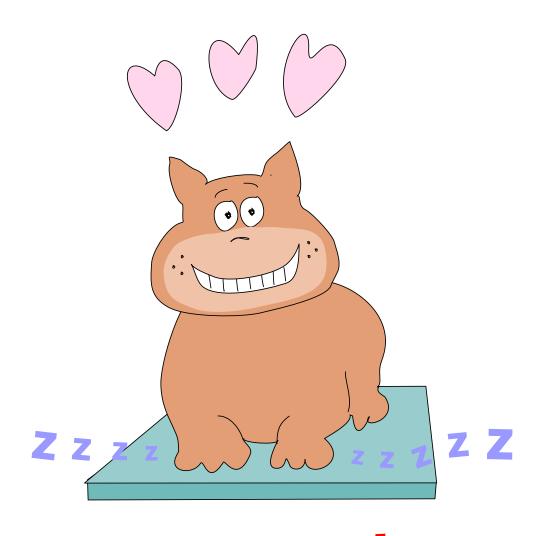
through the door.



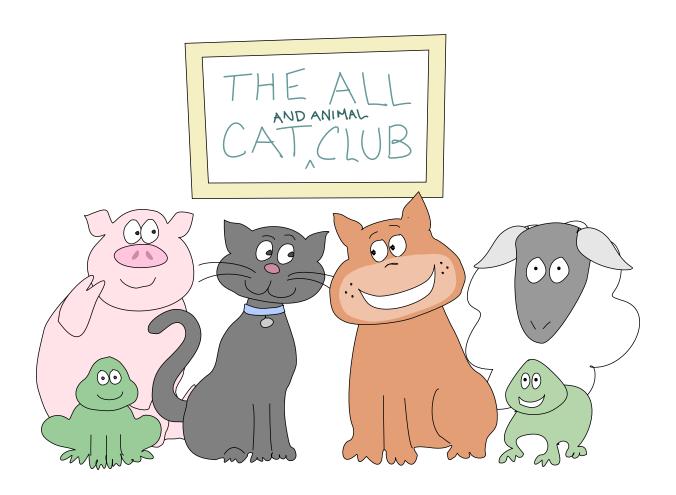
She licked one foot and Sat on the floor



"I am here to join your all-Cat club, which (how nice!) any animal can be a member of."



And the Cat on the mat smiled a big Cat smile.



His lonely days
were over for a
very long while.

THE END