Alphabetti Book #1
The All Cat Club
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Acknowledgments:

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

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

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

Don’t rush it. Body-builders don’t train in a day — neither does a child.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!
Lesson 1

This is the letter ‘c’ –

C 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.
Lesson 1

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

- cat candy
- cup of coffee
- cow in a coat
Lesson 1

Show me the pictures that start with the “-k-” sound.

Answer: car, cow, comb, cat.
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.
Lesson 2

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

- animal alphabet
- angry ant
- act like an alligator
Lesson 2

Show me the pictures that start with the “-a-” sound.

Answer: ant, apple, anchor, alligator.
Lesson 3

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.
Lesson 3

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

ten tiny teeth

tickle your toes

talk on the telephone
Lesson 3

Show me the pictures that start with the “-t-” sound.

Answer: tiger, turtle, table, teeth.
Here is a word we can make with these letters — can you read it?

cat

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.”
Lesson 4

This is the letter ‘s’ –

The letter ‘s’ says “-sssss- for snake.”

Can you say “-ssssss- for snake?”
Lesson 4

We use the “-ssssss-” sound in lots of words, like:

six silly socks

sing a sad song

see the summer sun
Show me the pictures that start with the “-ssssss-” sound.

Answer: sock, sun, snake, soap.
Lesson 4

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

cat

sat
The **cat sat**

and tried to think.
Not a cat 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-\textcolor{red}{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?
Lesson 5

This is the letter ‘m’ –

m

The letter ‘m’ says “-mmm- for monkey.”

Can you say “-mmm- for monkey?”
Lesson 5

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

- mug of milk
- mouse on the moon
- meet a monkey
Lesson 5

Show me the pictures that start with the “-mmm-” sound.

Answer: man, moon, monkey, mouse.
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 mat across 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 \textcolor{red}{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.