

Child-friendly phonics

Early Years

* FREE SAMPLE LESSON *

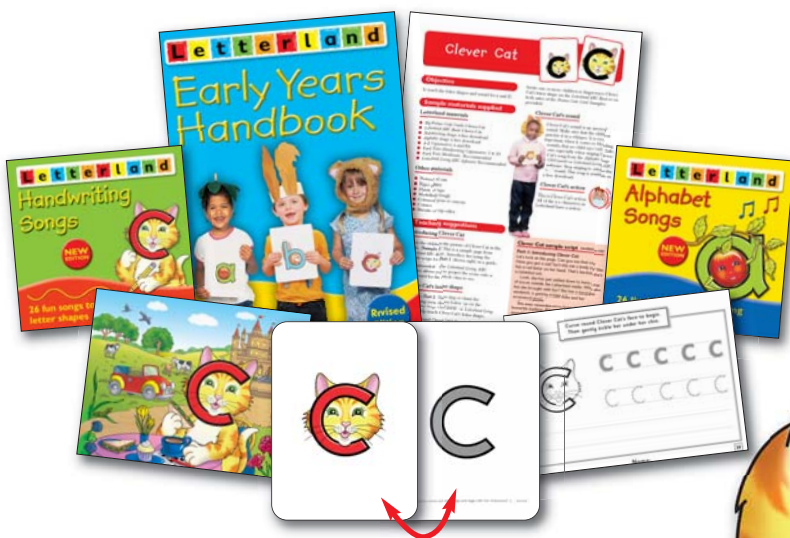
Now you can make phonics fast and fun with this **FREE** sample lesson. It's packed full of teaching ideas and contains everything you need to teach the letter 'c'. What's more, there are **FREE** songs online too!

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LEARNING GOALS

- * Phonemic awareness
- * Alphabet immersion
- * Aa-Zz shapes & sounds
- * Capital letters
- * Long vowels
- * Language development



Clever Cat



Objective

To teach the letter shapes and sound for **c** and **C**.

Sample materials

- ✓ *Big Picture Code Cards*: Clever Cat
- ✓ *Letterland ABC Book*: Clever Cat Scene
- ✓ *Handwriting Songs*: **c** free download
- ✓ *Alphabet Songs*: **c** free download
- ✓ *A-Z Copymasters*: **c** and **Cc**
- ✓ *Early Years Handwriting Copymasters*: 3 & 29

Other materials

- Pictures of cats
- Paper plates, elastic or tape
- Modelling dough
- Colored pens or crayons
- Biscuits or cup cakes

Teaching suggestions

Introducing Clever Cat

Show the children the picture of Clever Cat in the scene (**free sample 1**). This is a sample page from *Letterland ABC Book*. Introduce her using the sample script **Session 1** (shown right) as a guide.

Recommended - The *Letterland Living ABC* software allows you to project the scene onto a whiteboard for whole class interactive fun.

Clever Cat's letter shape

Introduce **Session 2**. Then sing or chant the handwriting verse shown below (as on the *Handwriting Songs CD/Cassette* or *Letterland Living ABC*) to help teach Clever Cat's letter shape:

Curve round Clever Cat's face to begin.
Then gently tickle her under her chin.

This song is available as a free download from:
<http://www.letterland.com/songs.html>

Finger trace Clever Cat's letter shape on the *Letterland ABC Scene* or on the *Picture Code Card*.



Clever Cat's sound

Clever Cat's sound is an *unvoiced* sound. Make sure that the children practise it in a whisper. It is very important, when it comes to blending sounds, that no child says 'cuh'. Sing Clever Cat's *Alphabet Song* together. Take care to *whisper* the 'c...' sound. This song is available as a free download from:
<http://www.letterland.com/songs.html>

Teaching Note: Show the Picture Code Card, and ask "Who it this?". Then show the plain letter side and ask "What's her sound?".



Clever Cat's action

Stroke whiskers. Each a-z character has an action, creating a kinesthetic prompt for the correct sound.



Clever Cat sample script (available on CD)

Session 1: Introducing Clever Cat

Let's look at this page. Can you see that cat? Have you got a cat? Isn't this cat a lovely cat! She has a red letter on her head. That's because she's a *Letterland cat*.

Look, she has just settled down to have a cup of cocoa outside the Letterland castle. What else has she brought with her? She has a cucumber sandwich, a yummy cream cake and her crossword puzzle.

She even remembered to bring along her favourite cushion. **Clever Cat** thinks of everything. That's why people call her **Clever Cat**.

Can you see some white things in the sky? What are they? That's right. They're clouds in the sky. Sometimes there are lots of dark clouds in

Things to do

- **Cat collages** Make cat collages with drawings of cats, pictures cut out from cards or calendars.
- **Paper plate face** Draw and color in Clever Cat's face on paper plates. Add ears, whiskers, etc., using scraps of paper or fur fabric and string. Make into masks by cutting holes for the eyes and adding elastic.
- **Cut-outs** Use modelling dough to cut out cats.
- **Cookery** Create Clever Cat's face on plain cookies or on cup cakes using icing/sweets.
- **Clever Cat Collections** Collect objects that begin with her sound, such as coins or cards.
- **Further practice** For extra practice of the letter shapes, there are the following materials:
 - *A-Z Copymasters: c and Cc* (samples 3, 4)
 - *Early Years Handwriting Copymasters* (samples 5, 6)

Recommended for consolidation of both letter shape and sound there are also:

- *Early Years Workbooks*
- *Letterland Living ABC* software. Use the Clever Cat interactive story, Alphabet Song, Handwriting Song and assessed activities.

Things to talk about

- **Clever Cat's sound** Talk about what sound cats usually make and then explain that Clever Cat never miaows, but says 'c..., c...' instead.
- **Cats** Find out if any of the children have a cat at home. Talk about the things that cats like to eat and drink. Explain that Clever Cat only eats food that begins with her sound. What would she like? e.g. cream cakes, crisps, carrots, cucumber, cauliflower, etc.
- **Caterpillars** Bring in some caterpillars (and leaves) in a suitable clear container. Talk about their colors and movements and explain how they turn into butterflies or moths.
- ✓ **Cross Curricular** Link in other subject areas, - computers, counting, crafts, etc.

Explaining the capital C shape



Explain to the children that whenever Clever Cat starts important words such as names, she takes a deep breath and gets bigger. (In Letterland all of the A-Z capital letter shapes are explained by a simple story like this.)

Clever Cat's word list

cat	class	climb	castle	candles	coat	color	count
can	cup	cross	clean	car	cold	come	cow
clock	cut	cuddle	clever	close	cake	cook	craft

the sky. What comes out of the clouds? Yes. The rain comes. Will it rain today? No, the sky is blue.

Look at the picture. Do you like Clever Cat's car? It's nice and colorful, isn't it? Now, let's wave goodbye. Goodbye, Clever Cat.

Session 2: Clever Cat's shape and sound

Can anyone tell us the name of the lovely cat here in this picture? Yes, Clever Cat. What's she doing here? Yes, she's having a cup of cocoa. Where does Clever Cat live? In Letterland!

Clever Cat is a very special cat because she is a Letterland cat. I've got a cat and my cat says 'Miaow'. But this cat is far too clever to say 'Miaow'. Clever Cat is so clever that she makes a special sound instead, like this, 'c..., c..., c...'. Can you make that sound with me? Just whisper it, 'c..., c..., c...'. That's right. Can you hear her little 'c...' sound

two times as you say her name? Listen, C...lever C...at?

Let's stroke her, shall we? She likes us to stroke her in a very special way, around her letter. We start by her ear, we go over to the other ear, go round her face, and we stop under her chin. That's it. Shall we do it again? Let's make her special sound, 'c..., c..., c...' as we go round.

Let's see what else we can find in our picture that begins with Clever Cat's sound.

What are those white things up in the sky? Clouds, yes!

And what is Clever Cat going to eat on that table? Cream cakes! Most cats we know would never eat cream cakes. But Clever Cat does. Why? Because she's a Letterland cat. So she likes to eat anything that begins with her sound. Cream cakes and cucumber sandwiches for our Clever Cat.



Sample 1 - Clever Cat, picture only.

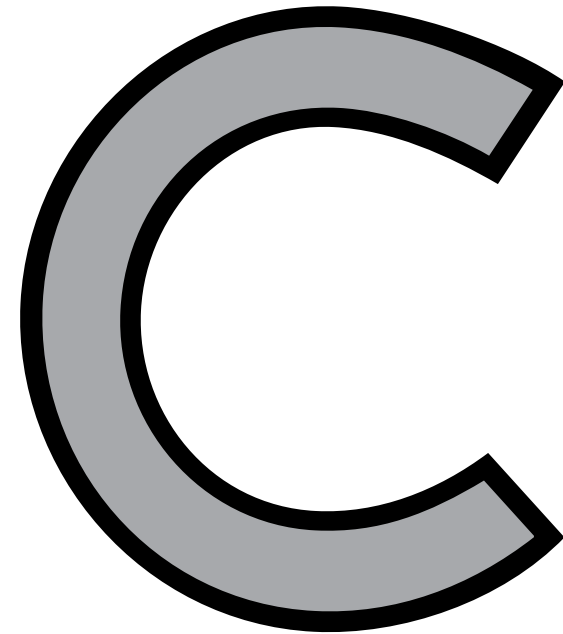
ABC Book



ISBN:
978-1-86209-222-8 (softback)
978-1-86209-221-1 (hardback)

Big Picture Code Cards

ISBN: 978-1-86209-224-2



Name: _____

Handwriting practice for the letter 'C'. It features a large dashed 'C' at the top right for tracing. Below it are two rows of five dashed 'C's for tracing. At the bottom of these rows are five solid 'C's. To the right is a large illustration of a cat's face where the letter 'C' is integrated into its outline.

Curve round Clever Cat's face to begin.
Then gently tickle her under her chin.

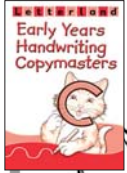
Sample 3, Page 29 - reduced in size 50%
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Sample 4, Page 3 - reduced in size 50%

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Clever Cat



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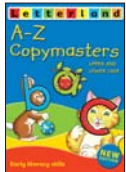
A large illustration of a cat sitting at a table with a cake. The letter 'C' is integrated into the cat's face. To the right of the cat are three rows of teacups on saucers. Each teacup has a dashed 'C' inside it for tracing. The bottom right teacup has a small caterpillar nearby.

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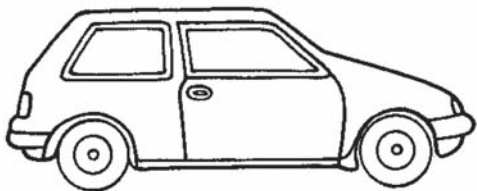
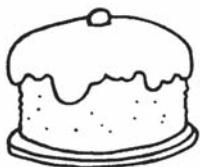
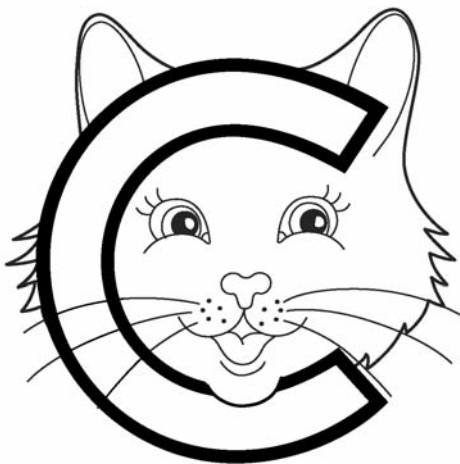
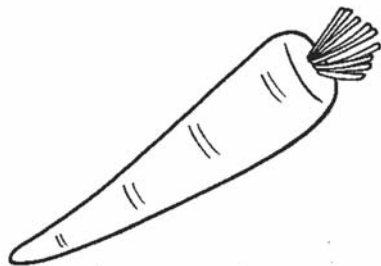


A-Z Copymasters

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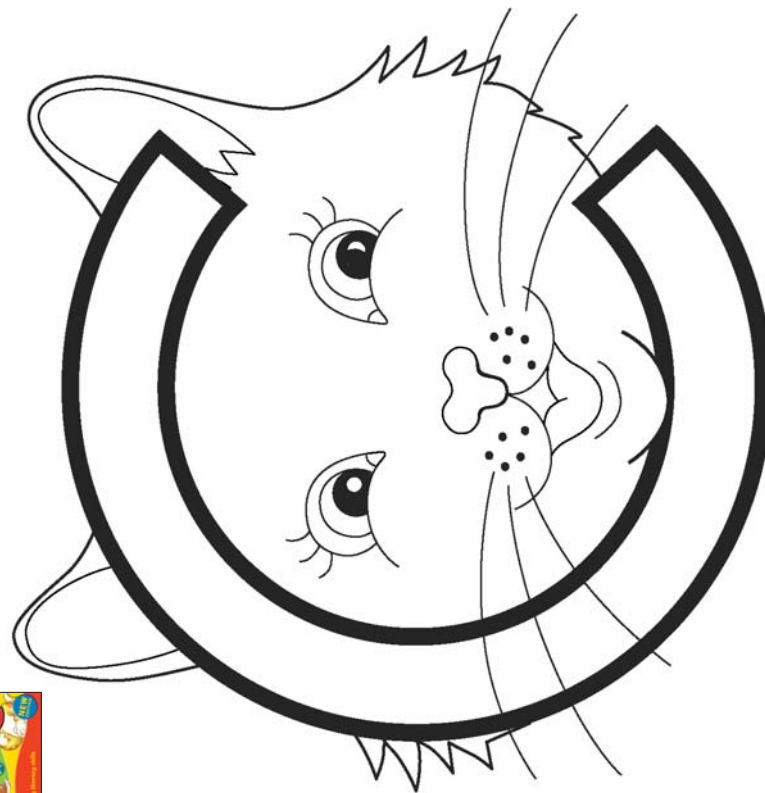
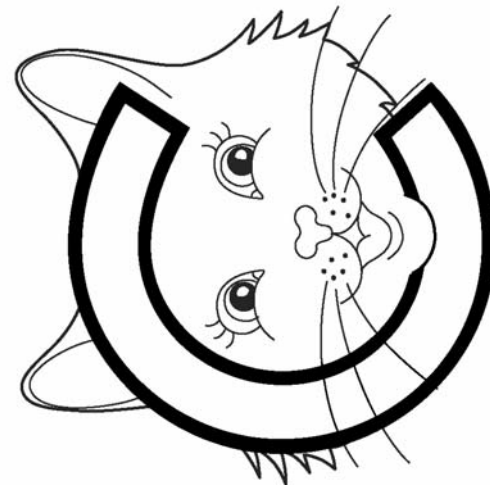


Clever Cat



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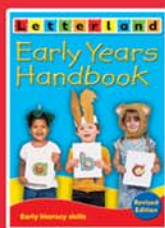
A-Z Copymasters



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Teacher's Core Resources



Early Years Handbook
EYH
9781862092266



Early Years Handbook (CD)
T27
9781862092556

Alphabet & Spelling Patterns Introduction

Letter Sound & Shape Recognition

Classroom Resources

Individual Student Resources

Picture Code Cards

Fun with Phonics

Essential Resources

A list of "must have" titles needed to teach Letterland in an Early Years classroom.



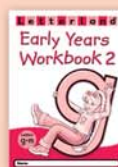
ABC (Softback)
ABC SB
9781862092228



Alphabet Songs (CD)
T23
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Early Years Handwriting Copymasters
T18
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Early Years Workbooks (1-4)
T06
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Big Picture Code Cards
BPC
9781862092242



Alphabet Frieze
AF01
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Recommended Resources

A selection of highly recommended titles that will help you get the most out of Letterland.



Living ABC (Software)
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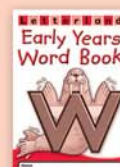
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9781862094222



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