

Lesson 46: The Two Sounds of C

Phonics Focus: The letter “c” has no sound of it’s own. When used before a, o, u, and other letters, c has the hard sound of “k”. When used before e, i, and y, c says the soft sound of “s”.

C = “K” hard sound (ca, co, cu, and other letters)

cat	cot	curl	car
coal	clam	cut	clip
crab	fact	uncle	cub
came	object	act	pic/nic
cir/ <u>cus</u>	cab	mus/ic	clin/ic
can/dy	co/bra	cash	care
traf/fic	corn	clock	scalp
scuff	call	care/free	Canaan
Jacob	Isaac	in/sig/nif/i/cant	
cap/i/tal	cap/tain	became	accuse
crawl	care/ful	clean	cur/i/ous
concerned	cup-bearer	Second-in-Command	
en/cour/age	clean	clothes	rec/om/mend

could	con/sume	con/tent	cau/tious/ly
ac/tu/al/ly	cri/sis	scrawny	sickly

C = “S” (ce, cy, and ci):

cell	cent	spice	lice
rice	mice	lace	place
peace	<u>cir</u> /cus	cider	since
cy/cle	cy/clone	cy/press	cy/mbal
cyl/in/der	icy	juicy	fancy
cy/ph/er	cit/i/zen	ci/der	cir/cle
cit/rus	city	civ/ic	cir/cut
ci/gar	cin/ch	civ/il	once
mag/nif/i/cent		in/no/cent	pal/ace
con/cern/ing		pro/ceed/ed	
twice		rec/on/cil/i/a/tion	

Cows, Corn, and a Fancy Palace



Once there was a carefree young man named Joseph who lived in an area called Canaan, which is now Israel. He was the eleventh of twelve brothers born to a God-fearing man named Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham. Joseph's family circle was large, but his brothers did not like him. In addition to being their father's favorite child and receiving a fancy colorful coat, Joseph had some mag/ni/fi/cent dreams that made the brothers feel in/sig/nif/i/cant. They wanted to get rid of Joseph, so they sold him as a slave, and he was taken to the capital city of Egypt. He was purchased by a citizen named Pot/i/phar, who was the captain of the palace guard for the Pharaoh, the great leader of Egypt. Joseph was very dil/i/gent. He worked hard for Potiphar, and became the top slave in charge of his entire house/hold. Everything was going very well for Joseph until Potiphar's wife ac/cused him of doing something he had not done. Even though Joseph was in/no/cent, Potiphar threw him in prison. It was an awful place: mice ran around on the floor and lice crawled on his scalp. He decided to make the best of it, though, and so he carefully served the man who was in charge of the prison, cleaning prison cells and giving the prisoners their meals. He did this for several years.

Then one day, the Pharaoh of Egypt was **curled** up with his **cat** on his royal **cot** and had a **cur/i/ous** dream. In the dream, seven healthy **cows** were eaten up by seven **scrawny**, thin **cows**. Then he had another dream: seven healthy, robust ears of **corn came** up on one stalk. Then seven thin, **sickly** ears of **corn came** up and ate up the healthy ears of **corn**. Pharaoh was **con/cerned**. What did the dreams mean? Pharaoh's **cup-bearer** had been in prison with Joseph for a short time, and Joseph had interpreted one of the **cup-bearer's** dreams for him, saying that he would be let out of prison. So the **cup-bearer encouraged** Pharaoh to **call** Joseph to **come** to the Royal **Palace** to interpret Pharaoh's dream for him. So Pharaoh **called** Joseph. Joseph was allowed to **clean** up, put on **clean clothes**, and **come** before Pharaoh in the **fancy** Royal **Palace**. When Pharaoh asked him to interpret the dream, Joseph humbly responded, "I **cannot** interpret dreams, but GOD **can**. He will give you **peace con/cern/ing** your dream."



Pharaoh **pro/ceed/ed** to tell Joseph about the dream. GOD revealed to Joseph that the seven healthy **cows** and seven robust ears of **corn** were seven years of good weather that would produce a boun/ti/ful harvest. However, after those good years would **come** seven years of famine, and people would starve if they did nothing to prepare for it. Joseph **rec/om/mend/ed** that Pharaoh prepare wisely and store up **corn** during the good years that **could** be

con/sumed during the years of famine. Content with this idea, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the whole project. In fact, Joseph was made Second-in-Command of the entire nation of Egypt! Not only did Joseph save the lives of all of the citizens of Egypt, but he also saved his own family's lives. His brothers came to Egypt twice with cash to buy corn from Joseph. The first time they came, he cautiously kept it a secret that he was their brother. However, the second time they came, he cried with great emotion, revealing to them that he was indeed Joseph. He forgave them for selling him as a slave and explained that it was actually part of GOD's plan to save their family from starving to death. Joseph invited his whole family to move to Egypt so that he could care for them through the remainder of the food crisis. Joseph's acts of kindness and forgiveness brought reconciliation and peace to his entire family.



Note: This entire story can be found in the Bible in Genesis 37-47.