

Is it a cat or a civet?

I am a civet. Don't confuse me with a cat!
I am a completely different animal. My body
is a different shape from a cat's. My name
begins with a **different sound**, too.
Although civet is spelt with a **C**,
the sound it makes is **/s/**.



RULE

The letter 'C'

The letter **c** makes the widest range of sounds in the English language.



/k/	→	cat
/s/	→	civet
/tʃ/	→	cue
/ʃ/	→	special
/x/	→	access

RULE**Sound change**

The letter or letter string following the **c** changes the sound that **c** makes.

**How it works:**

c + a or o → /k/

cat or **cot**

Examples:

c + e, i or y → /s/

ceiling, **civet**, **cycle**

c + ia, ea or io → /sh/

special, **ocean**, **suspicious**, **magician**

c + c → /ch/

accept

c + ue → /k/

cue

Words to learn:

calendar

special

centre

century

certain

caught

circle

complete

continue

decide

describe

experience

increase

sentence

actually

bicycle

exercise

difficult