

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.

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|------|---|---------|
| /k/ | ➡ | cat |
| /s/ | ➡ | civet |
| /q/ | ➡ | cue |
| /sh/ | ➡ | 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 → **/x/**

accept

c + ue → **/q/**

cue

Words to learn:

calendar

special

centre

century

certain

caught

circle

complete

continue

decide

describe

experience

increase

sentence

actually

bicycle

exercise

difficult