

cycle	cranberry	curious
cream	circle	clap
carbon	case	ceiling
coconut	cyclone	cone
centre	celery	cotton
celebrate	circus	cereal
clever	cedar	cent
cement	cot	cutlery

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(Set of words beginning with c: cycle, centimetre, circle, cyclone, centre, cranberry, curious, celery, circus, cream, carbon, coconut, clever, cottage, ceiling, creek, cone, cave, crème)

Step 1: Display the words. Use your eyes. What is the same in every word? *Answer the letter c.*

Step 2: Sort the words into two groups according to how the “c” sounds. *Answer*
1 group “c” (letter name) sounds like “c” sound name. We call this hard c.(name)
Group 2 “c” sounds like “s”. We call this soft c.

Step 3:

Put the hard c group aside. Look at the soft c group. Ask students to divide the group into 3 sub-groups. (Tip- look at the letters straight after c

Answer: ce, ci, cy. Ask students to tell you what they have learnt. In the early stages provide a cloze to help them. Once familiar with the process they will be able to do this themselves.

Cloze: When c is followed by _, _, or _ it sounds like _. When c is followed by e, I, or y it sounds like s.

Step 4: Look at the hard c group of words. Ask them to divide them into 4 groups this time depending on what letter follows the c.

Answer ca, co, cu, c+ consonant. Again provide a cloze to discover: c followed by a, o, u, or a consonant sounds like c and we call it hard c.

Extension:

Find other words to fit each group. Find words which are exceptions to the rule.