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Aknowledgements

I dedicate this book to my daughters, Irene and Sofia, and to all the beautiful souls that have been and will be my students, for they are my infinite source of inspiration.

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Introduction

his project book is meant to be used as supporting material in the process of teaching young learners the 42 letter sounds of the English language.

It follows a Synthetic Phonics approach to learning how to read and write in the English language. It is based on the concepts of learning the letter/s sounds correspondences and the skills of blending for reading, segmenting and handwriting for writing.

Its aim is to bring teachers and/or tutors significant resources to guide children through an innovative approach to an existing educational system. This new approach will allow them to become fast and fluent readers, while engaging all their senses. They will participate actively in the selection of colour and creation of the texture they will later experience in their written and oral productions.

This project book is divided into seven sets of six sounds. It can be used to introduce and explore each sound individually and/or to revise the whole set after all the sounds have been dealt with.

By using this innovative system, learners are encouraged to colour and apply different materials to create textures on blank

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illustrations. This will allow them to incorporate each concept through the involvement of their senses as a whole.

After each sound has been introduced or revised the child will then begin to explore the shapes of the letters. They will be encouraged, for instance, to notice the difference between the upper and lower cases. Once the child recognises the shapes of the letters, they will begin the process of introducing a new sensory dimension to the learning process. This is achieved by applying an innumerable amount of guided or freely chosen colours and textures.

Each set presents a story line which also provides the opportunity to explore other areas of language such as reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary.

Methodology

he aim of this project book is to introduce and explore each sound separately and/or in sets of six, together with the skills of blending for reading and segmenting for writing and letter formation.

Learners may either work on the project book or use the cut-out lines provided to allow them the freedom to display their abilities and to later build their very own project book or portfolio.

After each sound has been introduced or revised, begin to explore the shapes of the letters. Encourage learners to notice the difference between the upper and lower cases. Once they have done so, allow them to apply the chosen texture. If you decide to use any type of paper it will be highly beneficial to cut the letter forms in advance and provide them for the learners so they can relate size and shape and stick each model where it corresponds.

Next, start working with the story line. Work with the sounds in isolation first, and then encourage students to start blending the sounds. Allow them time to read the words first and the whole phrase or sentence afterwards.

Explore the characters and all the elements in the illustration.

Decide which materials you are going to use for the creation of the textures and provide them for the children. Remember you can use some of the illustrations for colouring only and it is advisable to point out the textures we can create when we use different colouring materials, such as crayons or pencils.

Suggested materials for set 1

Ss

Sand paper and construction paper for the letters. Make sure you cut letter forms in advance for students to match size and shape and to stick each model where it corresponds.

Cotton for the dog's ears and tail.

Lentils for the chair.

A a

Glitter and polenta for the letters.

Glazed paper for the tin.

Pipe cleaners for the ant's antennae.

T_t

Beans and lentils for the letters.

Glazed paper for the tin.

Wool for the cat's whiskers.

Cotton for the cat's tail and ears.

Pр

Glazed paper and crepe paper for the letters.

Aluminum foil for the pan.

Polenta for the food inside the pan.

A googly eye for the pig's eye.

A pipe cleaner for the pig's tail.

li

Aluminum foil and sequels for the letters.

Repeat the materials chosen for the dog and the cat.

Wool for the rug.

N_n

Silk paper and cellophane paper for the letters.

Wool for Nan's hair.

Glazed paper or fabric for Nan's clothes.

Crepe paper for Nan's shoes.

Acrylic sheets for Nan's camera.

Feel free to try any material or artistic technique that you consider appropriate.

Once you reach the end of the set, it is advisable to go back to it as much as possible. Make sure learners not only read, but play and experience all the textures they created. And most of all: make it a fun and engaging experience.

For more ideas for sets 2 to 7 follow me on Instagram: me_myself_andmyhigherself

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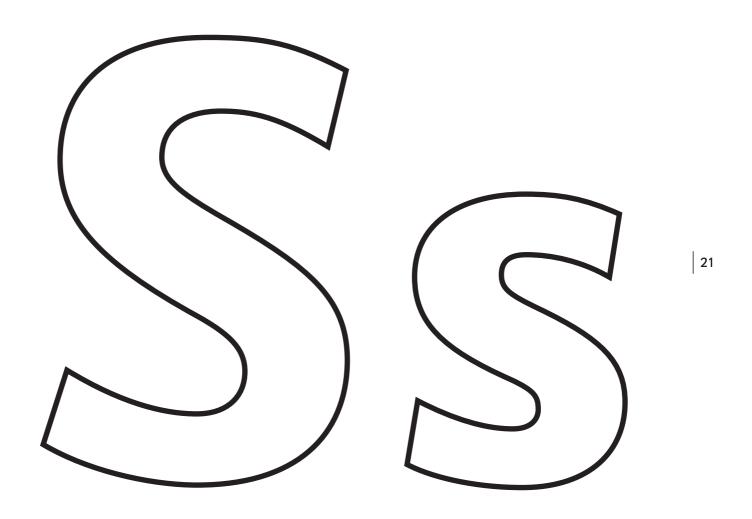


SET 1

Sounds

s, a, t, p, i, n

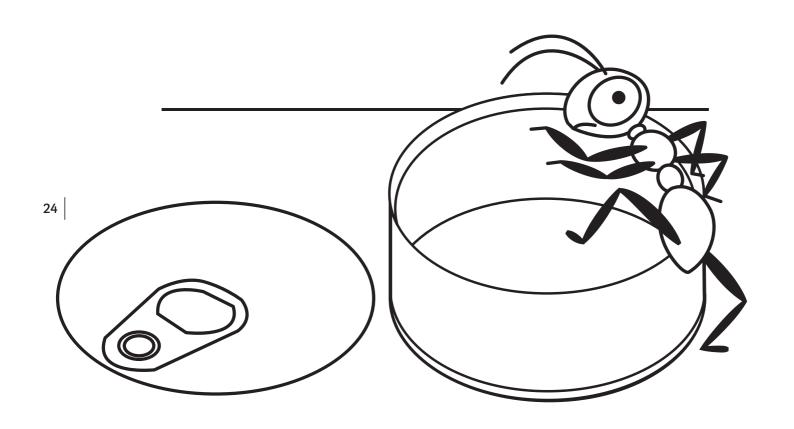
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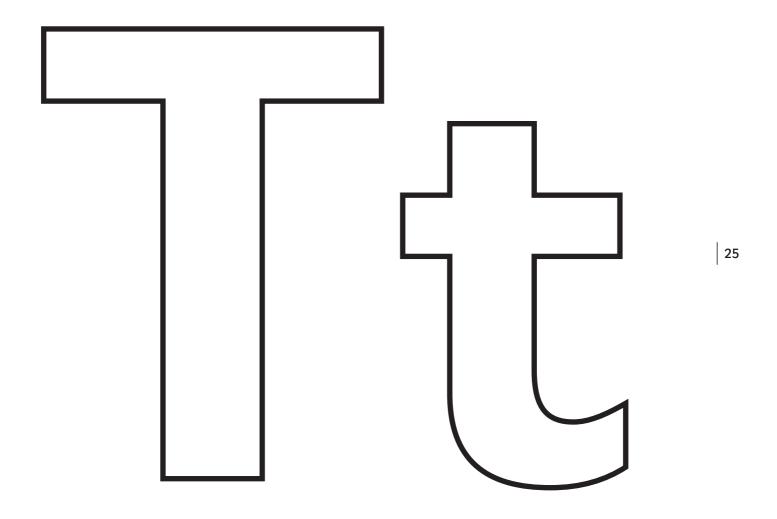
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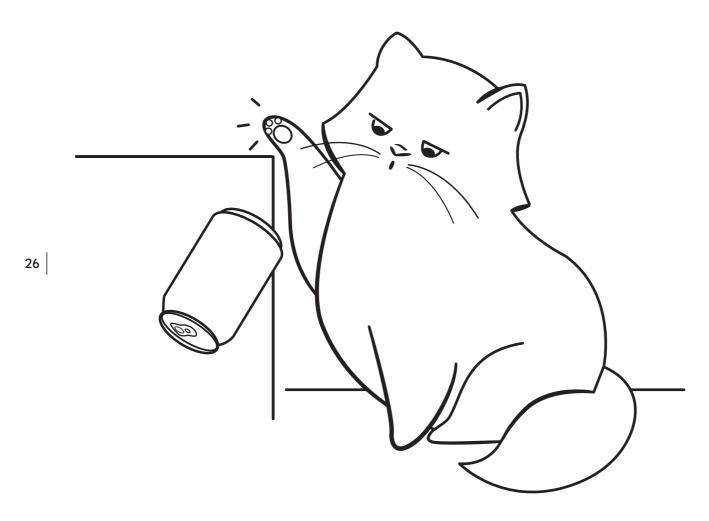
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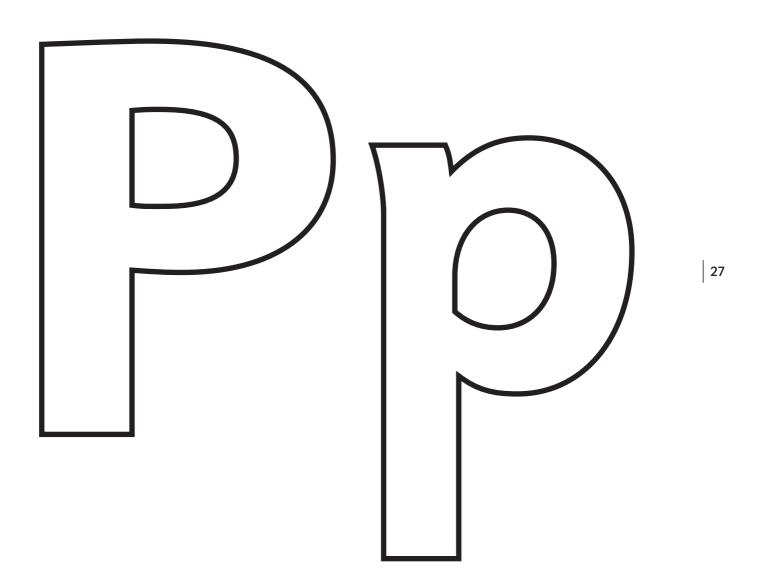
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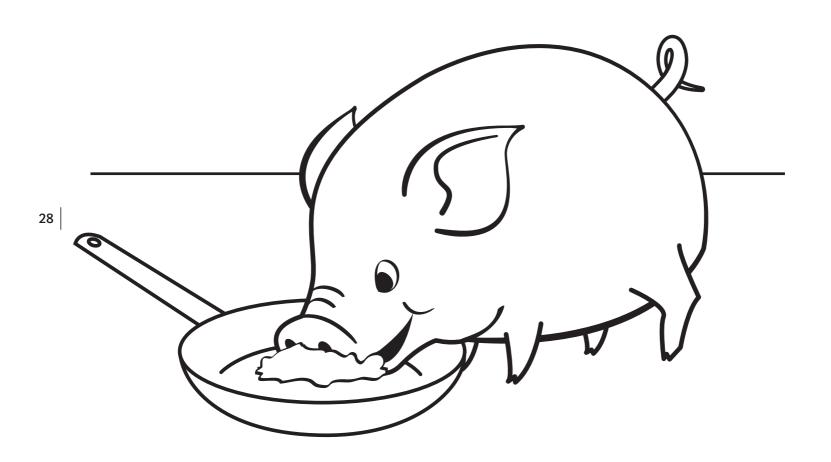


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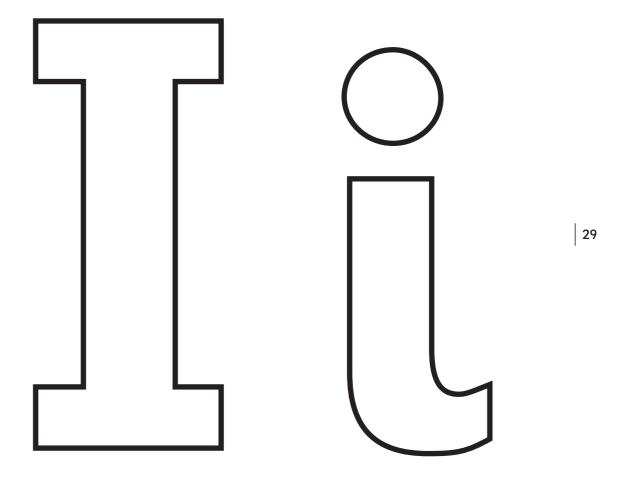


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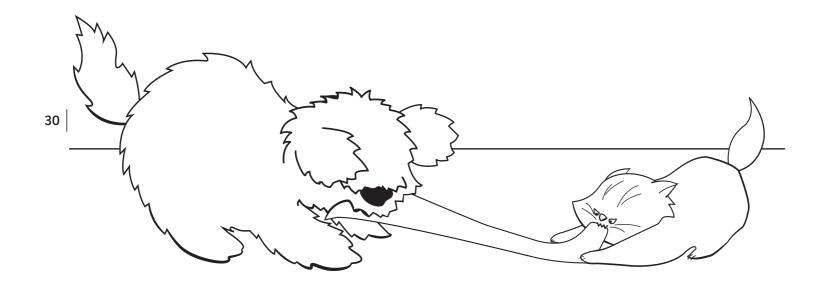




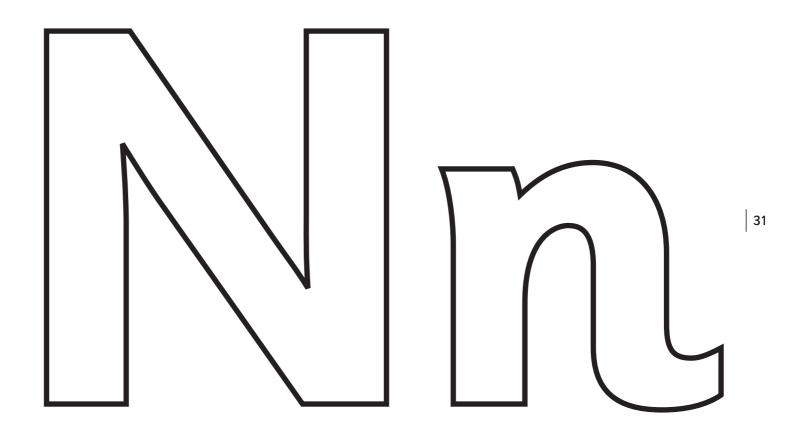
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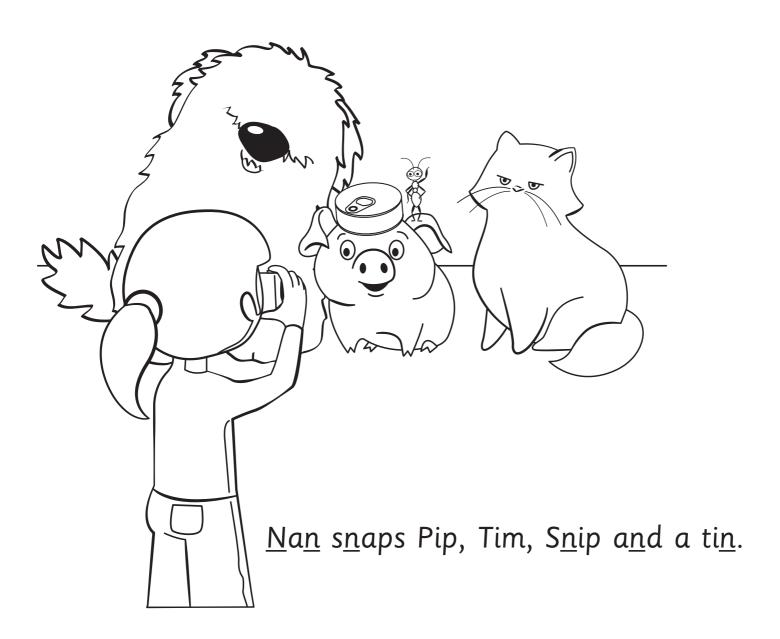
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<u>Nan</u>.

Nan snaps.



SET 2

Sounds

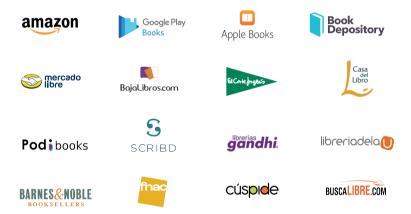
c, k, e, h, r, m, d

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