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Nandita Jhaveri Former Vice Principal, New Era School Consultant in Early Childhood Care and Education

"I have gone through the entire set of BEE CLEVER workbooks and find them very clear and simple to follow by little children in school. They have been aptly designed for pre-schoolers. The activities are age-appropriate and all the concepts are dealt with systematically and clearly. The illustrations are clear and the pages not too cluttered with activities."

Lekha Merchant Head Teacher, Saifee Eidiz Zahabi Nursery & K. G. School

"Based on decades of experience by Pallavi Dalal, a knowledgeable and sensitive teacher, these books are aimed at helping children consolidate their concepts based on practical experiences."

Nalini Chhugani

Secretary, Mobile Creches President, Association for Early Childhood Education and Development (Mumbai Branch – AECED)

"The BEE CLEVER workbooks are attractive, pictures are large, clear and appropriate. Instructions are precise and brief. There is an element of surprise to sustain the interest of the child. The contents match with the themes generally used in pre-school. The illustrations have a sense of humour and fun."

> Jana Mahadevan Former Head of Department, Early Childhood Education (ECE) Nirmala Niketan and Sophia Polytechnic

"BEE CLEVER Series is an excellent collection of child-friendly, challenging books that help develop visual discrimination skills that help them to think and reason efficiently. Each page has been meticulously planned and a theme has been chosen so that a teacher can creatively weave a story around it. Clear, simple instructions help the children to persevere until they successfully achieve the challenge that is placed before them."

Zeenat Bhojabhoy Principal, Jamnabai Narsee School



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Phonics Book 2

INTRODUCTION

'Phonics' is a method of teaching beginners to read and pronounce words by learning to associate letters or letter groups with the sounds they represent.

In addition to getting the child ready to read, learning about phonics helps the child in a number of ways:

To realize that each letter is a symbol that has a corresponding letter sound, motivates the child to learn the alphabet and all the letters in it.

- To understand that a combination of letters put together is a word and each word has a meaning
- Improves pronunciation and verbal skills
- Encourages the child to want to read on his own
- Relating printed words with spoken language
- Enhances auditory discrimination skills
- Familiarizing themselves with the structure of the letter (how it is written)

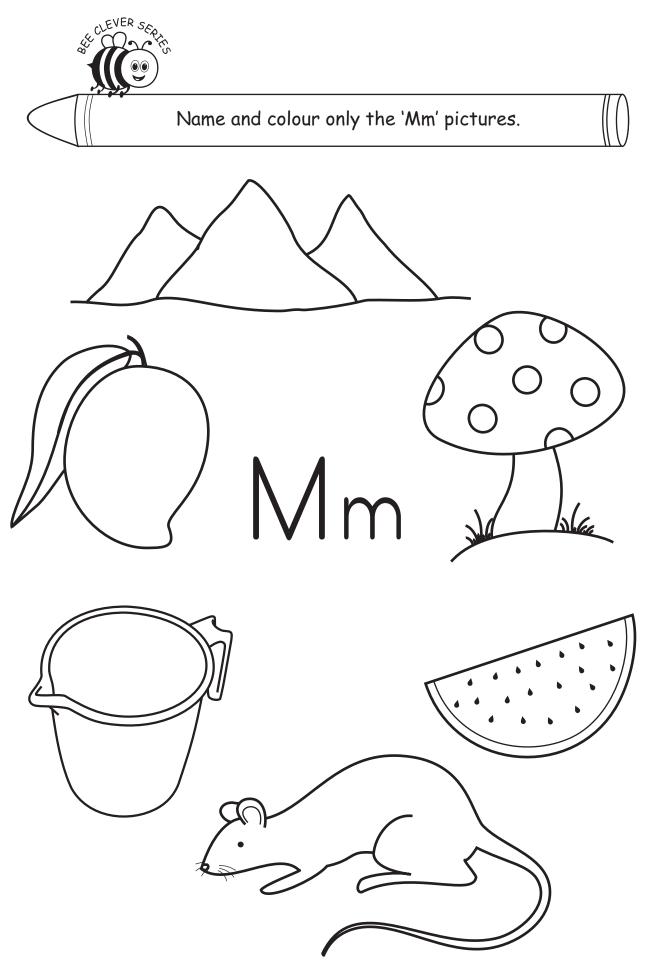
Please DO NOT start teaching the alphabet in the sequence that we know it! Initially introduce the children only to the 'pure sound' letters. Pure sound letters are the letters that consistently make the same sound without any variation unlike vowels that make different sounds depending on which consonants they are placed with. Vowels are the most difficult letters to teach so they should be taught last along with difficult and less frequently occurring letters.

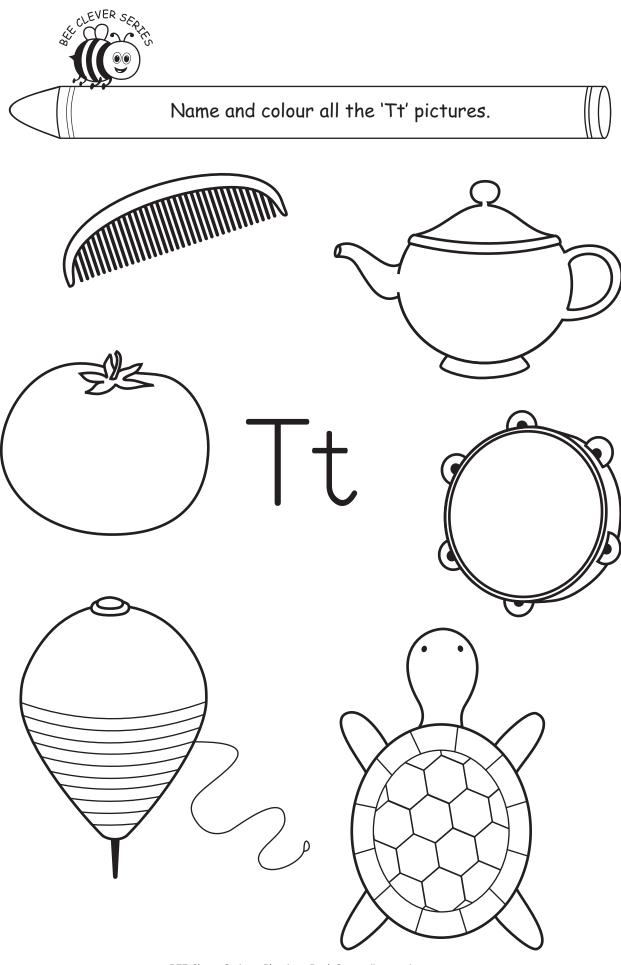
Letter-sound associations take time and are a very abstract concept for children to grasp. Most importantly, give the children time to learn phonics and letter-sound association. Do not be discouraged if they do not seem to 'pick it up' immediately – the first few letters always take time. Storytelling, reciting rhymes, singing songs, picture conversation, object talk and field trips go a long way towards building pre-language skills and preparation for learning Phonics.

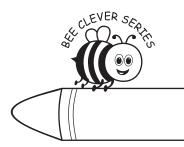
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Attention: Teachers and Parents

Each child learns and works at his or her own pace, and keeping this in mind we have kept the left-hand page blank. Encourage the child to draw/write on this page whatever triggers his or her imagination while going through this workbook.







Look at the picture and circle the correct 'starting' letter.

