Year One, Week #6, Day 2: Hard versus soft 'c'

The hard 'c' sound is used before the vowels 'a', 'o', and 'u' (examples: camp, corner)
The hard 'c' sound is also used before another consonant, including another 'c' (examples: clam, crayon, soccer).
The soft 'c' sound is used before the vowels 'e' and 'i' and also 'y' when used as a vowel (examples: center, cymbals)

Directions:

1. In each sentence, use a red crayon to <u>circle</u> any words with a hard or soft 'c' that follow the rules.
2. Exceptions to this set of rules seem rare and limited to more advanced words (eg., Caesar), so you will not have any words to underline in red.
3. Find and <u>circle</u> any words that follow any earlier rules (see color code below).
4. Find and <u>underline</u> any words that are exceptions to any earlier rules.

Example: The tall (blue) man at the street corner (red) looks like (green) he came (red, green) from a circus (red, red*)

* 'circus' would have two red circles: one for the soft 'c' (cir-) and one for the hard 'c' (-cus).

To find: (# rule words, # exception words for <u>this</u> rule, # previous rule words, # exceptions to <u>previous</u> rules).

NOTE: a single word may fit into more than one of these categories (for example: "game" follows the rule for hard 'g' and also follows the rule for silent 'e')

(2,0,2,0) 1. You did a good job when you cut out the paper circle.

(2,0,3,1) 2. I hope some day a person will find a cure for cancer.*

(1,0,1,1) 3. A dime is worth ten cents.

(1,0,2,0) 4. We made apple cider last Fall.

(3,0,2,1) 5. Can you get those coins off the couch?

*Note: if a word follows the rule twice within the same word, you can circle the word twice with that crayon. Example: concert (a red circle for hard 'c' before 'o' and a red circle for soft 'c' before 'e')

Color Code:

green = long v., cons., silent 'e'	blue = short vowel, 'll', 'ff', or 'ss'
orange = hard or soft 'g' versus 'j'	red = hard or soft 'c' versus 'k'

Copy today's rule and exception words on a separate sheet of lined paper if desired.