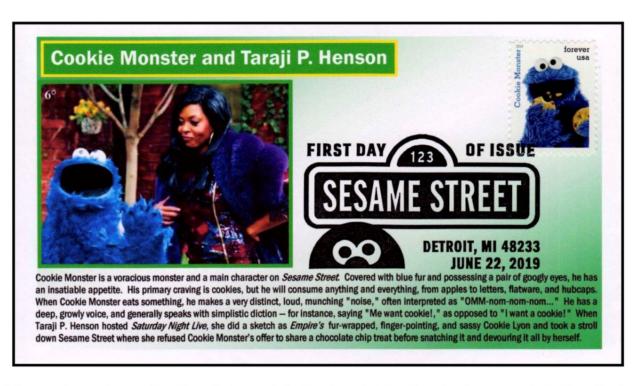


Usher is a singer and an actor, and one of the best selling artists in American music history selling over 23 million copies in the United States. Usher has won five Grammy Awards, four American Music Awards, and eight Soul Train Music Awards. Usher has also served as a mentor to young music sensation Justin Bieber. For Sesame Street's 41st season, Usher presented "Volunteer" as the Word of the Day. He also danced in the video for "The Elmo Slide." He also appeared during the 44th season, performing "The ABCs of Moving You" and talking about the word "unique."



While all the monsters on *Sesame Street* have their own distinctive characteristics, they also share many similarities—they're colorful, fuzzy, friendly beasts. They also all have four fingers on each hand, except for Cookie Monster, who has five fingers on each hand and ten in total. Most people are right-handed: only around 10 percent of the population is thought to be left-handed. That's why it shouldn't be surprising that most of the puppets on *Sesame Street* are also right-handed, with the exceptions being Cookie Monster and Ernie, who are both lefties. The performers who control the characters use their left hands as the puppet's dominant hand and use their right hands to move the mouths. You can also call Cookie Monster by what he *thinks* is his first name, Sid.