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Hard 'G' VS. soft 'G'

Learn how to pronounce the letter 'G' correctly,
based on the English language rules

Which words start the same at the start?

1. Goat
2. Giraffe
3. Game
4. Gentle
5. Garden
6. Gym



Pronunciation guide: hard 'g' vs. soft 'g'

Hard G /g/ (like in 'goat') occurs when 'G' is followed by:

- 'a', 'o', 'u' or a consonant
Examples: *'game', 'gold', 'gum', 'glad'*

Soft G /dʒ/ (like in 'giraffe') occurs when 'G' is followed by:

- 'e', 'i', or 'y'
Examples: *'gentle', 'gym', 'giant', 'digital'*



Common exceptions

'get', 'give', 'girl', 'gift', 'gear', 'gill', 'giddy', 'gild'

→ Hard 'G' even though followed by the 'e' or 'i'.

Many exceptions are very common words — they just have to be memorised.



“Gina’s Great Journey”

Gina was going to Geneva for the first time. She packed her gym clothes, her favourite ginger biscuits, and a guidebook about the city. She planned to visit the giant clock by the lake and take a gentle boat ride to see the gardens. Gina was excited, but she was also nervous about speaking French.

She practised greeting people politely and saying the names of places correctly. On the plane, she met George, who gave her great advice about the best cafés and museums. By the time she arrived, Gina felt ready for her great adventure.

Comprehension questions

1. Where was Gina travelling to?
2. Name two things Gina packed.
3. What did she plan to see near the lake?
4. Who did she meet on the plane?
5. How did Gina feel at the start of her journey?



Matching activity

Match each word on the left with its meaning on the right.

1. giant

2. ginger

3. gentle

4. nervous

5. guidebook



a. Feeling a little afraid or unsure

b. A plant with spicy, aromatic roots

c. Very big

d. Kind and not rough

e. A book with advice for travellers

Object identification



List all of the words starting with the letter 'g'. Pay special attention to the hard 'g' and soft 'g' pronunciations.

Can you say the following tongue twisters?

Hard G (/g/) Tongue Twisters

1. Goats gobble green grapes greedily in the garden.
2. Gary's great green garage gate goes glug-glug-glug.
3. Greta gathered glowing gold gems in Greece.

Soft G (/dʒ/) Tongue Twisters

1. Ginger giants gently juggle juicy jellybeans.
2. Jerry's generous giraffe jumps joyfully in July.
3. George generously gave Janet giant gingerbread.

Mixed Hard & Soft G Tongue Twisters

1. George the giant goat gently grazes on ginger grass.
2. Gina's gym has a garden gate guarded by golden giraffes.
3. Gary and Gina gathered ginger in the green garden gladly.



Vocabulary – Hard ‘G’

Objects	Animals	Food and drink	Places	Verbs	Adjectives	Names
gate	goat	grapes	Greece	grab	great	Gary
garden	goose	garlic	Ghana	give	green	Greg
gold	gorilla	gumbo	Glasgow	go	golden	Grace
gift	gecko	guava	Guatemala	grow	gloomy	Gordon
guitar	guppy	granola	Gambia	get	grand	Gail
glove	groundhog	gravy	Grand Canyon	gather	grumpy	Gavin
glass	greyhound	goulash		guide	glossy	
gum		ghee		glue		
garage		gherkin		guard		
grill				gulp		
goggles				grin		

Vocabulary – Soft ‘G’

Objects	Animals	Food and drink	Places	Verbs	Adjectives	Names
gem	gerbil	ginger	Georgia	generate	gentle	George
ginger		gelato	Geneva	germinate	general	Gerald
giraffe		gingerbread	Gibraltar	gesture	generous	Gina
gym		gelatin	Germany	gel	genuine	Geoffrey
giant				generalise		Gene
generator				gentrify		Gemma
geometry				gerrymander		
geologist				gibber		

Your turn to practice what you've learned

Tell the rest of the class a story, using a mix of hard —and— soft 'G' vocabulary.





Thank you for your support.

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