

SOFT “G” /dʒ/

If the g is followed by e, i, or y, the pronunciation is “soft g”:

g+i: magic, margin, origin, engine

g+e: page, generation, detergent,

g+y: astrology, Egyptian, gym

HARD “G” /g/

If the g is followed by any other letter (than e, i, y), the pronunciation is “hard g”:

gazebo glove progress
go grab

HARD “G” /g/

If the g comes at the end of a word, the pronunciation is “hard g”:

pig mug wig
zigzag jug

HARD “G” /g/

Sometimes a *u* follows a *g* in order to keep it from bumping up against an *i* or an *e*:

guess guest guild
guile guilt

EXCEPTIONS

give gift get

Practice saying these sentences

1. The **g**olf course is having a buy-one-free special. **G**rab your **bag**, and let's **go**.
2. In **g**eneral, her **pro**gress in **g**ymnastics has been **g**reat.
3. Many people **g**ive and **g**et **g**ifts of both **g**oods and services on special occasions.
4. I **g**uess I need some quick **energy**. Can you **g**et me a stick of **g**um?