

# 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 **progress** in **g**ymnastics has been **great**.
3. Many people **give** and **get** **gifts** of both **goods** and services on special occasions.
4. I **g**uess I need some quick **energy**. Can you **get** me a stick of **gum**?