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

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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

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HARD "G" /g/

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

pig mug wig

zigzag jug

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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

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give gift get

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Practice saying these sentences

1. The golf course is having a buy-one-free special. Grab your bag, and let's go.
2. In general, her progress in gymnastics has been great.
3. Many people give and get gifts of both goods and services on special occasions.
4. I guess I need some quick energy. Can you get me a stick of gum?

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