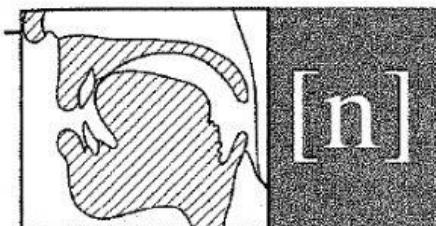




## Consonant sound /n/ as in "no"



**Tongue:** Firmly pressed against gum ridge behind upper front teeth

**Airstream:** Continuous through the nose

**Vocal cords:** Vibrating



### [n] At the Beginning of Words

no	nail
new	neck
net	need
know	night
knee	

### [n] In the Middle of Words

any	dinner
many	tennis
money	runner
window	candle
banana	

### [n] At the End of Words

in	fine
on	begin
can	again
when	tin
then	

#### hint

The letter *n* is almost always pronounced [n]. Exception: When *n* follows *m* in the same syllable, it is usually NOT pronounced; it is silent.

column      solemn      hymn

#### hint

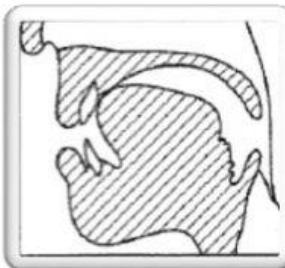
When an unstressed syllable begins with [t] or [d] and ends with [n], the [n] is frequently pronounced as "syllabic [n]." It is formed by keeping the tongue tip on the upper gum ridge without moving it from the position of the preceding [t] or [d].

sadden      kitten      curtain      beaten      rotten

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**Instructions:** Practice pronunciation of the [n] sound with the top 30 most common words.



1. and	11. when	21. even
2. in	12. an	22. any
3. on	13. then	23. happen
4. no	14. been	24. find
5. not	15. need	25. into
6. know	16. man	26. anything
7. can	17. mean	27. nothing
8. want	18. down	28. night
9. one	19. never	29. again
10. now	20. only	30. won



1. Answer the phone.
2. Come again.
3. rain or shine
4. I don't know.
5. Open the window.
6. Leave me alone.
7. Dinner is between seven and nine.
8. Dan is a fine man.
9. The brown pony is in the barn.

## Vocabulary

1 Listen and repeat these words with the sound /n/.

new	neighborhood	don't
nice	midnight	tenant
noise	spend	convenient



2 Say /n/ clearly at the end of a word. Listen and repeat.

one	seven	kitchen
nine	eleven	downtown
fifteen	I mean	train station

## Syllabic /n/

Sometimes the sound /n/ makes a syllable without any vowel sound. This is called "syllabic /n/."

- Syllabic /n/ occurs only in unstressed syllables.
- Syllabic /n/ usually comes after another consonant made with the tip of the tongue just behind your top teeth: /t/, /d/, /s/, or /z/.

1 Listen and repeat. Try not to move the tip of your tongue between the sound /d/, /z/, or /t/ and the following /n/.

garden	isn't	written
forbidden	doesn't	gotten
student	didn't	important
prison	couldn't	certainly

## Discussion

Practice in a group of three or four people. Talk about the things that are important to you in renting an apartment. Which things below are most important to you? Which things are not important?

no noise	a new kitchen	near transportation
convenient location	a nice neighborhood	friends nearby
low rent	a nice landlord	a garden

## CONVERSATION: "At a rental agency"

**Martin** Good morning. I'm interested in renting a one-bedroom apartment downtown.

**Agent** Certainly. We have a nice apartment on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. It has big windows, a new kitchen, and a very convenient location. And it's only \$1,120 a month.

**Martin** I couldn't pay \$1,120 a month. I'm a student.

**Agent** A student, hmm. . . . How much can you spend?

**Martin** Well, I didn't want to spend more than \$700 a month.

**Agent** \$700 a month? We don't often have apartments as inexpensive as that. Not in the center of town, anyway. We've got one apartment for \$790 a month.

**Martin** Where is it? Is it in the same neighborhood?

**Agent** No, it isn't. It's on Seventh Avenue, near the train station.

**Martin** I don't know. I mean, I need to be near the university.

**Agent** It's on a bus line. It has a kitchen, but the kitchen doesn't have an oven.

**Martin** No oven? Well, a nice kitchen isn't that important to me.

**Agent** There's a garden in the front, but the tenants can't use it. The landlord lives downstairs. Friends are forbidden in the apartment after midnight. No noise and no television after 11:15. No –

**Martin** No, thank you! I want an apartment, not a prison!



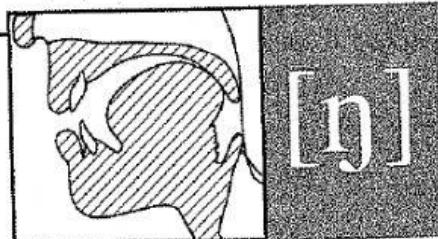


## Conversation Practice

Work with a partner. Take turns asking and answering questions about the dialog. Use short answers like "No, he didn't" / "No, he isn't" / "Yes, he is."

1. Is Martin looking for a house in the country?
2. Does he want an apartment with two bedrooms?
3. Is Martin a student?
4. Did he want to spend \$1,120 a month?
5. Does the second apartment have a kitchen?
6. Does the kitchen have an oven?
7. Could Martin make noise after midnight?
8. Did Martin rent the apartment?

## Consonant sound /ŋ/ as in "thing"



**Back of tongue:** Raised toward the soft palate

**Airstream:** Continuous through the nose

**Vocal cords:** Vibrating

### [ŋ] In the Middle of Words

anger	youngest
thank	single
finger	longest
banging	hungry

### [ŋ] At the End of Words

sting	running
tongue	strong
walking	singing
feeling	belong

The consonant [ŋ] does not occur at the beginning of words in English.

### hint

The letters *ng* or *ngue* at the ends of words are always pronounced [ŋ].

wrong      sing      walking      tongue

The letter *n* before *g* or *k* is usually pronounced [ŋ].

hungry      single      thank      drink

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**Instructions:** Practice pronunciation of the [ŋ] sound with the top 30 most common words.

1. think	11. ring	21. during
2. thing	12. hang	22. frank
3. thank	13. along	23. single
4. something	14. king	24. belong
5. long	15. sing	25. angry
6. wrong	16. uncle	26. drunk
7. morning	17. song	27. English
8. bring	18. strong	28. hungry
9. drink	19. darling	29. finger
10. young	20. bank	30. language

# READING

1. Good **evening**.
2. I'm **going** home.
3. Is **something** wrong?
4. **ring** on my **finger**
5. **raining** and **snowing**
6. Are you **coming** along?

## Common Expressions

Listen and repeat these common expressions with the sound /ŋ/.

Good morning.  
I'm hungry.  
Is something wrong?

The phone is **ringing**.  
I've been **waiting** a long time.  
How **long** have you been **studying** English?

## Vocabulary

Listen and repeat these words with the sound /ŋ/.

string	falling	sleeping	standing
pink	running	yelling	helping
morning	talking	tying	reaching

## Conversation Practice

1 Practice with a partner. Use the phrases below to make true sentences about yourself. Then listen to your partner's sentences.

*Examples:* I'm not wearing a ring.  
I'm reading an interesting book.

1. wearing a ring
2. reading an interesting book
3. wearing something pink
4. taking a boring class
5. studying more than one language
6. planning a long trip
7. thinking of moving (to a new house or apartment)



## CONVERSATION: "Noisy neighbors"

**Frank** (angrily) Bang! Bang! Bang! What are the Kings doing? It's seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and we're trying to sleep!

**Ingrid** They're talking very loudly.

**Frank** Yes, but what's the banging noise, Ingrid?

**Ingrid** (looking out the window) Ron is standing on a ladder and banging some nails into the wall with a hammer. Now he's tying some strong string on the nails.

**Frank** What's Ann doing?

**Ingrid** She's bringing something pink for Ron to drink. Now she's putting it down. He's reaching for the drink and – Oh, no!

**Frank** What's happening?

**Ingrid** The ladder is falling!

**Frank** Is Ron still standing on it?

**Ingrid** No, he's . . . he's hanging from the string. Oh, my goodness. He's holding onto the string by his fingers and yelling.



**Frank** Isn't Ann helping him?

**Ingrid** No. She's running toward our house.

**Frank** You're joking!

**Bell** (Ring! Ring! Ring!)

**Ingrid** That's her ringing the bell!

**Frank** Well, I'm not answering it. I'm sleeping.



## END OF PRONUNCIATION



She was more like a beauty queen from a movie scene  
 I said don't mind, but what do you mean, I am the one  
 Who will dance on the floor in the round?  
 She said I am the one, who will dance on the floor in the round  
 She told me her name was Billie Jean, as she caused a scene  
 Then every head turned with eyes that dreamed of being the one  
 Who will dance on the floor in the round  
 People always told me be careful of what you do  
 And don't go around breaking young girls' hearts  
 And mother always told me be careful of who you love  
 And be careful of what you do 'cause the lie becomes the truth  
 Billie Jean is not my lover  
 She's just a girl who claims that I am the one  
 But the kid is not my son  
 She says I am the one, but the kid is not my son  
 For forty days and forty nights  
 The law was on her side  
 But who can stand when she's in demand  
 Her schemes and plans  
 'Cause we danced on the floor in the round  
 So take my strong advice, just remember to always think twice  
 (Do think twice, do think twice)  
 She told my baby we'd danced 'til three, then she looked at me

Then showed a photo my baby cried his eyes were like mine (oh, no)  
 'Cause we danced on the floor in the round, baby  
 People always told me be careful of what you do  
 And don't go around breaking young girls' hearts  
 She came and stood right by me  
 Just the smell of sweet perfume  
 This happened much too soon  
 She called me to her room  
 Billie Jean is not my lover  
 She's just a girl who claims that I am the one  
 But the kid is not my son  
 Billie Jean is not my lover  
 She's just a girl who claims that I am the one  
 But the kid is not my son  
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 She says I am the one  
 You know what you did, (she says he is my son)  
 breaking my heart babe  
 She says I am the one  
 Billie Jean is not my lover  
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 Billie Jean is not my lover (don't Billie Jean)  
 Billie Jean is not my lover  
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