

EXERCISE 2: Listen for Differences

Listen to the words. Circle the word(s) with a /g/ sound. Then compare your answers with a partner and practice saying the words.

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| 1. anger, hanger, angle | 4. springing, mingle, ¹ stringy |
| 2. long, longer, longest | 5. single, finger, singer |
| 3. strong, stronger, strongest | 6. tingle, ² ringer, jingle ³ |

Listen to the words. Cross out the underlined letters that are silent.

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| 1. sign | 6. paradigmatic | 11. ring <u>ing</u> |
| 2. signal | 7. column <u>ar</u> | 12. strong <u>ly</u> |
| 3. autumn | 8. column | 13. strong <u>er</u> |
| 4. tongue | 9. angle | 14. plum <u>ber</u> |
| 5. paradigm ¹ | 10. hang <u>er</u> | 15. hum <u>ble</u> ² |

Many words that describe clear, musical sounds include /ty/. Complete the sentences with the words you hear. Then check your answers on page 117.

- Bells and phones _____.
- But small bells _____.
- Radar screens _____.
- And cold fingers _____.
- Stars _____.
- But water _____.

A | Listen and repeat the idioms in column A. Pronounce the bold letters as syllabic nasals (long n).

B | PAIRS: Match the idioms and expressions in column A with the definitions in column B. Then practice saying the phrases.

A	B
<u>c</u> 1. written in the sand	a. dishonest (as in money or power)
2. a hidden agenda	b. I don't care at all.
3. hard-bitten	<u>c</u> temporary
4. written in stone	d. clean up
5. beaten up	e. a secret plan or purpose
6. ill-gotten	f. old and damaged
7. straighten up	g. unchangeable (a law, act, or decision)
8. I couldn't care less.	h. tough from experience (describing a person)

A | Listen to the recording and complete the sentences with the words you hear. Then compare your answers with a partner.

Finding a roommate can be _____. And _____ to share your _____ space can be difficult. Lifestyle _____ turn out to be the source of most roommate _____. It's _____ to find out as much as you can about a _____ roommate so you don't make the _____.

Read the situations that require sharing space. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? Write your answers on the lines.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Sharing a bedroom with a sibling	_____	_____
Having a roommate	_____	_____
Being married	_____	_____
Staying at a hostel or being a backpacker	_____	_____