

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.

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.

1. sign	6. paradigmatic	11. ringing
2. signal	7. columnar	12. strongly
3. autumn	8. column	13. stronger
4. tongue	9. angle	14. plumber
5. paradigm ¹	10. hanger	15. humble ²

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

1. Bells and phones _____.
2. But small bells _____.
3. Radar screens _____.
4. And cold fingers _____.
5. Stars _____.
6. 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	c. 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 _____. ^{1.} ^{2.} space can be difficult. Lifestyle _____. ^{3.} ^{4.} turn out to be the source of most roommate _____. ^{5.} ^{6.} It's _____. to find out as much as you can about a _____. roommate so you don't make the _____. ^{7.} ^{8.} ^{9.}

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	_____	_____