

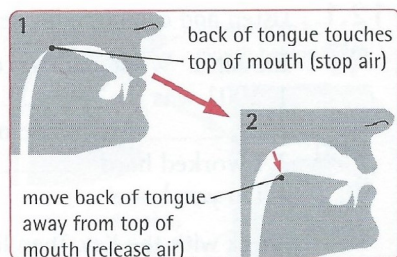
Cats and dogs

/k/ and /g/

A

How to make the sound /k/

- B2a • Look at the diagrams. Listen and say the sound.
- 1 Stop the air with the back of your tongue against the top of your mouth.
 - 2 Move your tongue to release the air. If you hold a piece of paper in front of your mouth when you release the air, the paper moves. Target sound: /kə/



B

Sound and spelling

- B2b • /k/ is usually spelled c, k or ck, and sometimes ch. Listen and say these words.
- | | | | | | | | |
|----|--------|---------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|
| c | car | cat | careful | clean | close | colour | fact |
| k | keep | key | kind | kitchen | desk | like | talk walk |
| ck | back | black | check | pocket | tick | | |
| ch | school | stomach | chemist | architect | | | |

- B2c • /kw/ is often spelled qu. Listen and say these words. quick quiet quarter

- B2d • /ks/ is often spelled x. Listen and say these words. fax six taxi

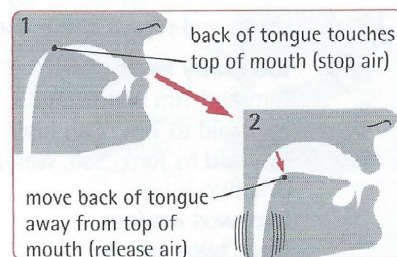
⚠ Note: The letter k is silent in a few words, e.g. know, knee, knife.

- B2e • Listen and say these sentences.
- 1 Look in the kitchen cupboard.
 - 2 Keep your keys in your pocket.

C

How to make the sound /g/

- B3a • Look at the diagrams. Listen and say the sound.
- 1 Stop the air with the back of your tongue against the top of your mouth.
 - 2 Move your tongue to release the air.
- /g/ is different from /k/ in two ways:
- 1 If you hold a piece of paper in front of your mouth when you release the air, the paper does not move.
 - 2 There is voicing (vibration from the throat). Target sound: /gə/



- B3b • Listen and say the two sounds. /kə/ /gə/

D

Sound and spelling

- B3c • /g/ is usually spelled g or gg. Listen and say these words.
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|--------|------|-------|----|------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| garden | girl | glass | go | gold | ago | hungry | bag | leg | egg | bigger |
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- B3d • /gz/ is sometimes spelled x. Listen and say these words. exam exactly

⚠ Note: The letter g is silent in some words, e.g. foreigner, sign, high, bought.

⚠ Note: There is usually no /g/ sound in words like sing, sings, singing, singer (see Unit 19).

B3e Note: Some words have a silent u after g. Listen and say these words. guess guest dialogue

- Now listen and say these sentences.

- B3f 1 Can you guess the beginning of the dialogue? 2 Are you going jogging again?

B3g You often don't hear /k/ or /g/ clearly in the middle or at the end of a word. Listen.

1 I li(k)ed the film – the a(c)ting was perfe(c)t.

2 Do you li(ke) fo(lk) musi(c)?

3 It was a dar(k) night.

4 What's your do(g) called?

Important for listening

Exercises

13.1 Write the words. Choose from the words in the box.

ache again ago back bag big bigger bike black called cake
carry classical coffee cold comb come copy gave get give great
grey guess guest keys kiss walk work

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|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 /gɪv/ <i>give</i> | 8 /eɪk/ | 15 /bæg/ |
| 2 /bɪg/ | 9 /gest/ | 16 /'bɪgə/ |
| 3 /get/ | 10 /bæk/ | 17 /kəʊld/ |
| 4 /kəʊm/ | 11 /'kɒfi/ | 18 /'kæri/ |
| 5 /kiːz/ | 12 /ə'gen/ | 19 /wɜːk/ |
| 6 /keɪk/ | 13 /wɜːk/ | 20 /greɪ/ |
| 7 /kɪs/ | 14 /kɔɪld/ | |



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

13.2 Complete the words. They all have /k/ or /g/ sounds.

- Can I carry your bas?
- Give me a biss.
- You ave me old offee aain.
- A rey at with reen eyes waled into the arden.
- The uests would lie es for breafast.



Can I carry your bags?



Listen to check your answers.
Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

13.3 Listen and fill the gaps.



EXAMPLE

It's time to go *back*

- Shall we ?
- I came by
- When you go out, the
- I'm going to buy a new tomorrow.
- A: You don't in your tea, do you?
B: I do, in
- It's only seven o'clock and it's already
- Listen and
- Mark your answer with a

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

13.4 Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If you find any of these difficult, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for further practice.



- back* / *bag* (⇒ sound pair 28)
- cold* / *gold* (⇒ sound pair 28)