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Chapter 1 Sounds of English
Lesson 12 /h/, /k/ and /g/



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Do you know these sounds?

As there are more sounds than letters,
we use symbols for pronunciation.

/h/
/k/
/g/

Consonant - you pronounce by stopping the
air flowing freely through your
mouth

How to make the sounds

/h/



Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. The air comes through a small gap at the back of the mouth. There is no voicing. Target sound: /h/

- 嘴唇半开，上下齿亦开，舌头自然平放，向外呵气，不振动声带
- 类似于汉字“喝”的前半部分发音

/k/



Look at the diagram. 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: /k/.

- 双唇微开，舌后部抬起，憋住气，然后突然分开，将气流送出口腔。不振动声带
- 类似于汉字“科”的前半部分发音

/g/



Look at the diagram. Listen and then 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:

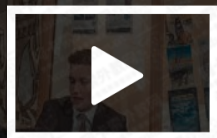
- 1.If you hold a piece of paper in front of your mouth when you release the air and paper does not move.
2. There is voicing (vibration from the throat).

Target sound: /g/.

- 发音方法与/k/类似，但要震动声带
- 类似于汉字“哥”的音

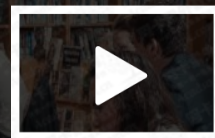
How to make the sound /h/, /k/ and /g/?

/k/



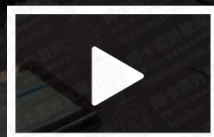
Click the icon for a standard British way of pronouncing /k/ from BBC English

/g/



Click the icon for a standard British way of pronouncing /g/ from BBC English

/h/



Sound and Spelling: /h/ Listen and say these words.

who

hat

A vibrant night scene of a busy London street, likely Piccadilly, with illuminated buildings, a red double-decker bus, and cars. Overlaid on this scene are four large yellow circles, each containing a word with a specific letter underlined. The circles are connected by thin yellow lines to a horizontal line at the top.

Sound and Spelling: /k/ Listen and say these words.

car

keep

black

school

Sound and Spelling: /g/ Listen and say these words.

garden

egg

Pronunciation



Game Time

Listen and repeat the poem.

- Green glass globes glow greenly.

Now you can press the button and listen to the recording.



Exercises After-Class

Listen and circle the words you hear.

1 back / bag
2 cold / gold

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

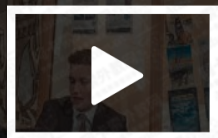


Answer key:

1 back 2.gold

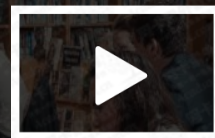
Further Learning:

/k/



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/g/



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/h/



A photograph of a row of brownstone townhouses. The central focus is a house with a red door and a wide set of stone steps leading up to it. A red bicycle is parked on the sidewalk in the lower left. To the right, there are trees with light-colored blossoms. The text 'THE END' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'Next class: /f/ and /v/' is overlaid in yellow letters below it.

THE END

Next class: /f/ and /v/