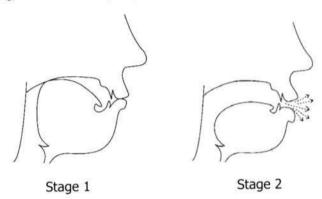
# Lesson 28: Plosive consonants unvoiced [k] as in "kind" and voiced [g] as in "gloss"

Speech organs position:

The tip of the tongue behind the bottom teeth, it's the back of the tongue going right up to make contact with the soft palate at the back of the roof of the mouth, and that forms the blockage. Then let the tongue come down and the air escapes in that little explosion and you get [k]; add voice and you get [g].



**B31** 

# Repeat once from left to right:

| k    | k    | k    | k |
|------|------|------|---|
| kk   | kk   | kk   | k |
| kkk  | kkk  | kkk  | k |
| kkkk | kkkk | kkkk | k |

#### **B32**

# Words: the unvoiced [k] sound

Listen and repeat. Look at the mouth diagram to help you position your lips, tongue and jaw for the target sound.

| Spelling variations | Highlighted bold letters pronounced as [k]       |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| for the [k] sound   | sketch, keep, Kenya, ketchup, key, kind          |  |
| k                   | sketch, keep, kenya, ketchup, key, kind          |  |
| q                   | quite, quick, request, squeeze, antique          |  |
| C                   | cat, curious, magic, uncle, historical, holistic |  |
| ch                  | charismatic, stomach, chemist, chaos, chord      |  |

#### **B33**

# Sentences: the unvoiced [k] sound

Listen and repeat. Read each sentence aloud slowly at first, then as if you were telling it to someone in a natural way.

- 1. Kurt can't keep his cool when criticised by his uncle.
- 2. Catastrophic repercussions concerning chaotic confusion in clerical circles were kept quiet.
- 3. For a snack Cliff had crunchy crisps, cake with creamy custard and a cup of milky coffee.
- 4. Charismatic Clara was keen to wear kinky clothes.
- Constance collected coins and costumes from Canada and Cambodia.

## **B34**

## **₩** Verses

Listen and copy the intonation and voice modulation on the CD.

There was a crooked man,
And he walked a crooked mile,
He found a crooked sixpence
Against a crooked stile;
He bought a crooked cat,
Which caught a crooked mouse,
And they all lived together
In a little crooked house.



#### **B35**

## Repeat once from left to right:

| g    | g    | g    | g |
|------|------|------|---|
| gg   | gg   | gg   | g |
| 999  | 999  | 999  | g |
| 9999 | 9999 | 9999 | g |

#### **B36**

## Words: voiced [g] sound

Listen and repeat. Look at the mouth diagram to help you position your lips, tongue and jaw for the target sound.

| Spelling variations for the [q] sound | Highlighted bold letters pronounced as [g]                             |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>g</b>                              | guessed, guard, ghost, plague, glue, struggle,                         |
| x-[gz]                                | angle, single, signal, language exact, examination, exaggerate, exert, |
|                                       | exasperate, existing   |

#### **B37**

## Gomparison: [k] and [g]

| [k]     | [9]            |
|---------|----------------|
| creasy  | graze          |
| request | ru <b>g</b> by |
| climax  | glass          |
| coast   | ghost          |
| con     | <b>g</b> one   |

## **B38**

## Sentences: voiced [g] sound

Listen and repeat. Read each sentence aloud slowly at first, then as if you were telling it to someone in a natural way.

- 1. Gladys glanced at Graham and gave him a vague giggle.
- Grace struggled with her Greek grammar exam and was glad to get a great grade.
- 3. Gilbert Green is no longer a single guy.
- 4. Gracious Gloria gazed at the exaggerated gleaming globe.

5. "Good gracious," the grey ghost said, "the fog is getting thicker."

## **B39**

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Listen and copy the intonation and voice modulation on the CD.

Three grey geese in a green field grazing,

Green were the geese and green was the grazing.



#### B40

## Articulation exercise

Listen and repeat, keeping consonants clear and crisp.

| pt   | pt   | pt   | pt   |
|------|------|------|------|
| kt   | kt   | kt   | kt   |
| ptkt | ptkt | ptkt | ptkt |
| bd   | bd   | bd   | bd   |
| gd   | gd   | gd   | gd   |
| bdgd | bdgd | bdgd | bdgd |

## Additional exercises:

**A:** Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often use when speaking English. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

| 1  | 3  |  |
|----|----|--|
| 2. | 4. |  |

**B:** Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often hear on TV, radio or from your friends/colleagues. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

| 1  | 3  |  |
|----|----|--|
| 2. | 4. |  |