

Soft or Hard G

Rule: when g meets a, o, or u, its sound is hard. When g meets e, i, or y, its sound is soft.
Examples: **g**oat (hard), **g**erm (soft), **g**ate (hard), **g**ym (soft), **g**uitar (hard), **g**inger (soft).
There are exceptions to the rule such as “gill” and “gift.”

Read the following words aloud.

gem	gym	age	generous
gentle	germ	giant	giraffe
gene	gender	angel	budget
agenda	frigid	magic	rigid
oxygen	suggest	vegetable	stingy
general	bridge	cage	edge
page	rage	change	college
damage	image	large	advantage
cabbage	stage	urge	village
strange	orange	challenge	message
imagine	allergy	energy	digit