

Phonics Sort—Hard G and Soft G (Initial Consonant)

The letter “g” can have a hard sound, like in the words goat and game.



The letter “g” can have a soft sound, like in the words gems and giraffe.



Soft **g** sounds like the letter “j”.

REMEMBER: When “g” is followed by “e”, “i”, or “y”—it OFTEN has a soft sound—but not always!!

DIRECTIONS: Read each word. If it has the **hard g** sound, write it in on the lines under the **goat**. If it has the **soft g** sound, write it in on the lines under the **giraffe**.

goes
golfing
gingerbread

giant
garden
goalie

green
gentle
gemstones

gym
germ
gifts



hard g



soft g

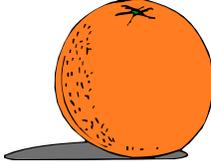
CHALLENGE: There is one word above that does NOT fit the “REMEMBER” pattern. Which word is it? _____ Can you think of any others?

Phonics Sort—Hard G and Soft G (Middle/Final Consonant)

The letter “g” can have a hard sound, like in the words dog and flag.



The letter “g” can have a soft sound, like in the words orange and cage.



Soft g sounds like the letter “j”.

REMEMBER: When “g” is followed by “e,” “i,” or “y”—it OFTEN says its soft sound—but not always! When you hear the “j” sound in the middle or end of a word, it is often spelled with “g” followed by “e,” “i,” or “y”.

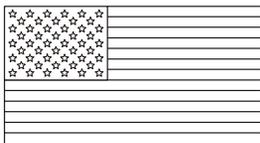
DIRECTIONS: Read each word. If it has the **hard g** sound, write it in on the lines under the **flag**.
If it has the **soft g** sound, write it in on the lines under the **cage**.

frogs
imagine
huge

rage
engine
jogger

rags
begs
orange

pages
digging
hugs



hard g



soft g

CHALLENGE: There are two words above that do NOT fit the “REMEMBER” pattern. Which words are they? _____ and _____ Do you know why they don’t fit the pattern?

Name _____ Date _____

PAGE 1--Answer Key – Initial Consonants, Hard and Soft G

<u>(under goat)</u>	<u>(under giraffe)</u>
goes	giant
golfing	gingerbread
garden	giant
goalie	gentle
green	gemstones
gifts	gym

CHALLENGE: “Gifts” does not fit the pattern; other examples may include get, give, girl, and gear.

PAGE 2--Answer Key – Middle/Final Consonants, Hard and Soft G

<u>(under flag)</u>	<u>(under cage)</u>
frogs	rage
rags	pages
begs	imagine
digging	engine
jogger	huge
hugs	orange

CHALLENGE: “Digging” and “jogger” do not fit the rule—these words are made of base words with word endings (-ing, -ed, -er) added to them. The word endings do not change the original “hard g” sound, also reinforced by the doubling of the “g”. Other examples might include: **hugged**, **logger**, and **swinging**.