

## 18. /ŋ/ singer, thing

Slightly open your mouth and then breathe through your nose. Now vibrate the vocal cords so that you produce a sound. That sound will be /ŋ/. To produce /ŋk/, you release the barrier at the back of the mouth immediately after the /ŋ/ so that the air now escapes through the mouth in the /k/ sound. /ŋg/ is formed in the same way, only the second sound is voiced and hardly any air escapes through the mouth.

### PRACTICE

#### A. /ŋ/ (no /g/ sound)

- a. 1. sing      sang      sung      song
2. bring      bang      bung      belong
3. ding      dang      dung      dong
4. ring      rang      rung      wrong
5. ting      tang      tongue      tong

#### b. All the present participles and gerunds

sitting    watching    calling    weeping    ringing    beginning

#### c. “-nger” words

singer    bringer    ringer    banger    coat-hanger

#### B. /ŋk/

1. ink      drink      mink
2. pink      think      zinc
3. bank      rank      drank
4. sank      stank      thank
5. bunk      drunk      junk
6. monk      punk      trunk

#### C. /ŋg/

England    English    mango      tango      angle      single  
jungle      hungry    angry      finger      hunger      congratulate

#### D. Practice /ŋg/

1. long      longer      longest
2. strong    stronger    strongest
3. young     younger    youngest