

# English Pronunciation

## Lesson Six : Pronunciation of /g/ gut

Like /p/:/b/ and /t/:/d/, /k/ and /g/ are a pair, the only difference in the two sounds being that the first is voiceless, and the second voiced. So place your tongue in the same position as for /k/ but do not let the air rush out, and control the sound from your vocal cords, which should be vibrating.

### *PRACTICE*

A. go get good give gold grey glass angry

B. **silent /g/** si(g)n campai(g)n forei(g)n

C. **“-gue” sounds /g/**  
plague league dialogue prologue synagogue

D. Remember to lengthen the vowel before the /g/ like this: (ba-a-ag)  
bag flag sag bog fog jog organ eager

E. Which is the speaker saying? /k/ or /g/?  
1. Put this in the back/bag, will you?  
2. I thought I caught a glimpse of the coast/ghost.  
3. Your class/glass is in there.  
4. I found a cap/gap in the hedge.  
5. You haven't drawn that ankle/angle very well.

F. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /g/.  
1. As good as gold.  
2. To give as good as you get.  
3. To kill the goose that lays the golden egg.  
4. Go and teach your grandmother to suck eggs.

Answers: 1.back 2.ghost 3. class 4. gap 5. angle