

The Letters *c* and *g*

Spelling Rule

The letters *c* and *g* make two sounds – a hard and soft sound.


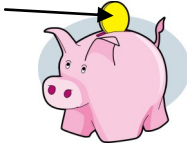


The letter *c* before:

- *e*, *i* or *y* says *s* (soft sound).
- *a*, *o* or *u* or any other letter says *k* (hard sound).

The letter *g* before:

- *e*, *i* or *y* MAY say *j* (soft sound).
- *a*, *o* or *u* or any other letter says *g* (hard sound).

Phonogram Focus

<i>c</i>		<i>g</i>	
			
<i>cat</i>	<i>cent</i>	<i>gift</i>	<i>gem</i>

Work out which sound the *c* or *g* is making in the words below. Write the words in the correct columns, matching the sounds.

The Two Sounds of *c* and *g*

fancy

gent

picnic

danger

grunt

camel

recent

grand

<i>k</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>j</i>

The Letter *s*

Spelling Rule

1. The letter *s* makes two sounds – a hard sound *z* and soft sound *s*. It never makes its hard sound at the beginning of a word – the letter *z* is used.
2. The letter *s* is used to show we have more than one. It never follows *x* as *x* includes an *s* sound as in *ks*.

Phonogram Focus

The letter *s* makes two sounds.



sun



his

The Two Sounds of *s*

Work out which sound the *s* is making in the words listed below. Write the words in the correct columns, matching the sounds.

fans

stamp

this

rivers

animals

has

plants

silent

<i>sun</i>	<i>his</i>

The Letter *y*

Spelling Rule

English words never end in *i*.

Phonogram Focus

The letter *y* makes four main sounds.



yo yo



gym



fly



happy

The Four Sounds of *y*

The letter *y* is a consonant but acts as the vowel *i* in some words. It is used instead of *i* at the end of English words because English words never end in *i*. Which sound is the *y* making in these words? Remember to try each sound for *y* if you do not know a word. Write the words in the columns below, matching the sounds.

try

sandy

syrup

yet

yank

my

yes

rusty

<i>yo yo</i>	<i>gym</i>	<i>fly</i>	<i>happy</i>

Answers

The Two Sounds of *c* and *g*

<i>k</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>j</i>
pic <i>nic</i>	fanc <i>y</i>	grun <i>t</i>	gen <i>t</i>
camel	re <i>cent</i>	gr <i>and</i>	dang <i>er</i>

The Two Sounds of *s*

sun	his
stamp	fans
this	rivers
plants	animals
silent	has

The Four Sounds of *y*

yo yo	gym	fly	happy
yet	syrup	try	sandy
yank		my	rusty
yes			