



## Back sounds



**k**



**g**



**ng**



**Back sounds** are made with your tongue up at the back of your mouth.

Feel your tongue go up at the back for:

**k** (also spelled 'c') in *car*,

**g** in *go*, and

**ng** at the end of *wing*.



Children sometimes replace **back sounds** (**k**, **g**, **ng**) in words with sounds made at the front of the mouth (**t**, **d**, **n**) as they are learning.

They might say: *tea* instead of *key*, and

*dough* instead of *go*.

Children usually learn to say **back sounds** by 3 years of age.



**Model back sounds** when you are talking together.

Child: That's my *tup*.

You: There's your *cup*. Your *cup* is on the table.

Praise your child for trying to say **back sounds**.

It's OK if your child doesn't say the sounds after you.



Talk about **fixing up back sounds** in words, and give your child an example in your own talking.

You: Let's *dough*. Oops! I said *dough* and I meant *go*!

I need to fix it up. Let's try to put our tongues up at the back for *go*.

Don't practice mistakes. It is OK to wait until you see a speech pathologist.



## Kimmy Koala

The **k** sound (also spelled **c**) is made with your tongue up at the back of your mouth.  
It is a short, quiet sound.

**Easier words:** *cake, cook, king, cow, kick*

**Harder words:** *cat, kookaburra, kitten, kite, koala*

## Sing with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

Pat-a-*cake*, pat-a-*cake*, Baker's man,  
Bake me a *cake* as fast as you *can*.  
Pat it, and roll it, and mark it with a 'B'  
And put it in the oven for baby and me!

Hey diddle diddle, the *cat* and the fiddle,  
The *cow* jumped over the moon,  
The little dog laughed to see such fun,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

## Play with sounds: Use **k** words in your play together



Play outside with a ball.  
*Catch* it, bounce it, roll it,  
and *kick* it.



Pretend to be a  
*kookaburra*.  
*Koo koo koo, kar kar!*



*Cook* a *cake*, and *cut* it  
into slices. Will you put  
*candles* on top?

## Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

*Cows Can't Fly* by David Milgram

*Kiss the Cow!* by Phillis Root

*Come Down, Cat!* by Sonya Hartnett



## Gus Goanna

The **g** sound is made with your tongue up at the back of your mouth.

It is a short, noisy sound.

**Easier words:** *go, goo, going, gong, guess*

**Harder words:** *good, grow, guitar, get, goodnight*

## Sing with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

The ants *go* marching one-by-one,  
The little one stopped to suck on his thumb,  
And they all went marching,  
Home to *get* out of the rain.

We're *going* on a bear hunt,  
We're *going* to catch a big one!  
I'm not scared.  
What a beautiful day!

## Play with sounds: Use **g** words in your play together



Put your toys to bed.  
*Goodnight* teddy!  
*Goodnight* dolly!



Have a running race, or a  
race with toys cars.  
Ready, set, *go*!



Choose your favourite  
*game*. Who will *go* first?  
Play duck, duck, *goose*!

## Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

*Goodnight Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen

*Wombat Stew* by Marcia K. Vaughn and Pamela Lofts