



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.



k

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