Phonics Sort—Hard G and Soft G (Initial Consonant)

The letter “g” can have a hard sound, like in the words goat and game.

The letter “g” can have a soft sound, like in the words gems and giraffe.

Soft g sounds like the letter “j”.

REMEMBER: When “g” is followed by “e”, “i”, or “y”—it OFTEN has a soft sound—but not always!!

DIRECTIONS: Read each word. If it has the hard g sound, write it in on the lines under the goat. If it has the soft g sound, write it in on the lines under the giraffe.

goes   giant   green   gym

golfing   garden   gentle   germ

gingerbread  goalie   gemstones  gifts

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CHALLENGE: There is one word above that does NOT fit the “REMEMBER” pattern. Which word is it? ________________ Can you think of any others?
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Phonics Sort—Hard G and Soft G (Middle/Final Consonant)

The letter “g” can have a hard sound, like in the words dog and flag.

The letter “g” can have a soft sound, like in the words orange and cage.

REMEMBER: When “g” is followed by “e,” “i,” or “y”—it OFTEN says its soft sound—but not always! When you hear the “j” sound in the middle or end of a word, it is often spelled with “g” followed by “e”, “i”, or “y”.

DIRECTIONS: Read each word. If it has the hard g sound, write it in on the lines under the flag. If it has the soft g sound, write it in on the lines under the cage.

frogs   rage   rags   pages
imagine engine begs digging
huge jogger orange hugs

CHALLENGE: There are two words above that do NOT fit the “REMEMBER” pattern. Which words are they? _________ and_________ Do you know why they don’t fit the pattern?

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(under goat) (under giraffe)
goes giant
golfing gingerbread
garden giant
goalie gentle
green gemstones
gifts gym

CHALLENGE: “Gifts” does not fit the pattern; other examples may include get, give, girl, and gear.

PAGE 2--Answer Key – Middle/Final Consonants, Hard and Soft G

(under flag) (under cage)
frogs rage
rags pages
begs imagine
digging engine
jogger huge
hugs orange

CHALLENGE: “Digging” and “jogger” do not fit the rule—these words are made of base words with word endings (-ing, -ed, -er) added to them. The word endings do not change the original “hard g” sound, also reinforced by the doubling of the “g”. Other examples might include: hugged, logger, and swinging.