Lesson 53

Skill: **soft g** When “g” is followed by: **e, i, y** it sounds like “j”.

*(There are some exceptions to this rule.)*

The letter "g" has two sounds, hard “g” and soft “g”.
The hard sound of “g” occurs more frequently. Its sound is heard in gas, got, gum, etc. Soft "g" sounds like "j". It is heard in gem, giant, gym, etc.

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\text{ge} & \quad \text{gi} \quad \text{gy} = \text{j} \\
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Read these words.

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Can you think of any more soft “g” words? Write them.
Use any of the soft “g” spelling patterns, (ge, gi, gy).

Skill: soft “g” (ge, gi, gy) = j sound (not always)

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Read these sentences.

• I put two angel pins in a package.
• The hamster's cage door has a strong hinge.
• The teenager was afraid of strangers.
• Did George take out the garbage?
• The gymnastic class was held in a large room.
• Put the gentle hamster in the cage.
• I got a huge gigantic package!
• Can giant windmills generate energy.
• The gym has storage space.
• Can you guess my two-digit number?
• Angie had a tragic surgery.
• Can you manage the luggage?
• Can you imagine being a giant?
• The sloth is sluggish and pudgy.
• The stingy gypsy gypped me.
• I apologized to the clergyman.
• My glasses are smudgy and germy.
• Is a giraffe a gigantic, tall mammal?
• I had a tragic fall and got emergency care.
Dictation/Spelling Practice for soft "g" words (ge, gi, gy)

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Create your own sentences. Please include some words in your sentences that have the spelling pattern (ge, gi, gy) as in gentle, giant, & gym. Remember all sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a period (.), question mark (?), or exclamation point (!) Please be attentive to good penmanship skills.

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Please illustrate your favorite sentence on the back.