

Spelling /n/ sound with 'k' and 'g'

Week 2

This week's lesson is part 2 of understanding that the sound 'n' is sometimes spelled alongside the silent letters 'k' and 'g'.

Word list

knead	knee	gnarled
knew	knickers	gnaw
knight	knit	gnash
knob	knock	gnome
know	knuckle	gnat
kneel	knives	sign
knife	knot	

Activity 1: Snowman Game *(a child friendly version of the old 'hangman' game)*

- Select a word from the list above (keeping it a secret from your partner) Draw a dash to represent each letter of the chosen word.
- The partner should begin guessing the letters that might be in the word.
- Following each incorrect guess, draw a part of the snowman. The game is over when the word is guessed correctly or a complete snowman has been.
- Swap and repeat the game so that you have played with words with the silent 'k' and 'g'.

How to draw the 'Snowman'

When you play Snowman, for the first incorrect answer the lower (and biggest) snowball is drawn, for the second the middle snowball is added, and for the third a snowball is added at the top (the head of the snowman). After that, the snowman gets two sticks (the arms), a top hat (like the one Frosty the Snowman wears), two eyes, and a sad face. This approach allows for nine mistakes.

Activity 2: Please choose from the following two options:

Less confident – Use the cut and stick activity which requires you to match the correct letter to each word. (Printable materials have been provided. If you don't have a printer, you could write a list of words on paper and leave off the initial letter so that your child can then add it)

Confident – Select 5 'k' and 5 'g' words to write down in bubble writing. Try to choose different words to the ones you used in last week's activity. Encourage your child to check carefully that they have spelled the word correctly.

Activity 3: Be a word detective.

For this game you should supply your child with a range of text types e.g. newspapers, magazines, leaflets, fiction/non-fiction books.



Purple Mash:

I will add a new 'chat' box to the spelling blog on Purple Mash. I'd love to hear about any words you have found in your own reading materials.