Skill 9.5

Complex Consonants: Hard/soft c and g

In small-group intervention, we will learn to read and spell words with the hard and soft c and g patterns.

Complex Consonants	Consonants or clusters of consonants that have different spellings but are pronounced with the same sound.
Soft c/g	When the letter c or g is followed by the vowel letter e, i, or y, the sound of the letter: • c is the soft sound /s/, as in circus. • g is the soft sound /j/, as in giraffe.
Hard c/g	All other times, c and g are pronounced with their typical sound: • c is the hard sound /k/, as in cat. • g is the hard sound /g/, as in goat.

cart	cent	gel	gate
barge	cash	goal	count
clock	giant	coast	gum
germ	grab	cinch	gloss
cup	cite	gent	cede

the gold coin	need to cinch
gifts for the	the green giant
find the cash	a gust of wind
at the gym	the huge store
one more cent	can trace the

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