

Lesson 55: GN is a Consonant Team for the Sound of N

Phonics Rule: GN is a consonant team for the sound of the letter N. The g is silent and only the sound of n is pronounced.

These are all the words with gn at the beginning of words:

gnaw
gnome

gnat
gnarled

gnash
gnu

PRACTICE:

1.A South African **gnu**, or an/te/lope, does not **gnaw** on tree branches, but chews on grass instead.



2.We are en/cour/aged to put on the gar/ment of JESUS' right/eous/ness, so that we are not cast into outer dark/ness, where “there shall be weeping and **gnashing** of teeth.” (See Matthew 22:11-13)

3.A **gnarled** or **gnarly** tree has knots or lumps on the trunk or branches. A **gnarled** hand has knots or lumps on the fingers.

4.Mice can **gnaw** or chew through wood, but **gnats** have no teeth and can not **gnaw**. **Gnats** are small insects with two wings, that bite or sting and fly around your face and annoy you.

Gn as in sign

Phonics Rule: IGN is a long ī pattern and the g is still silent, with only the sound of the letter n being pronounced.

Sign	as/sign	a/lign
re/sign	as/sign/ment	a/lign/ment
en/sign	be/nign	ma/lign
de/sign		

PRACTICE:

1. **Sign**, or place your name on the line.
2. We will put up a large **sign** or board to tell you where the party is being held.
3. I **re/sign**ed and gave up my po/si/tion as sec/re/tar/y of the club.
4. We **aligned** the chairs in a straight line along the wall.
5. Take the car to the garage to have the wheels **a/ligned**. The me/chan/ic will **align** the front wheels so they will not wear un/e/ven/ly. An **a/lign/ment** is not ex/pen/sive.
6. The teacher will **as/sign** students to special seats. She will give the entire class an **as/sign/ment** from that chapter.
7. They must **design** a book cover for the story.
8. The cancer is **be/nign** or harm/less, and the pa/tient will re/cov/er.
9. We should not **ma/lign** or speak bad things about our public of/fi/cials.



EIGN in reign

Phonics Rule: Just as EIGH has the long ā sound, EIGN also has a long ā sound. The g is silent and the n says its sound.

reign
deign
feign

sov/er/eign
sov/er/eign/ty
for/eign

un/feigned

PRACTICE:

- 1.The sov/er/eign or king of that for/eign nation will reign until he dies.
- 2.The king would not deign (or lower) himself to eat with the common people.
- 3.The little girl feigned (or pre/tend/ed) being asleep in the car so that her daddy would carry her inside the house.

Phonics Rule: AIGN is a cluster where the vowel team ai says its long sound, the g is silent, and the n says its sound.

ar/raign

ar/raign/ment

cam/paign

Cham/paign, Illinois

PRACTICE:

- 1.The ar/raign/ment of the of/fi/cer for stealing cam/paign funds was in a mil/it/ary court.

- 2.David earned his bach/el/or's de/gree in Civil En/gin/eer/ing at the U/ni/ver/sit/y of Il/lin/ois in Cham/paign, Illinois.



The Faith of a Roman Officer

(Matthew 8:5-13, New Living Translation)

⁵ When Jesus returned to Cap/er/naum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, ⁶ “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, par/a/lyzed and in terrible pain.”

⁷ Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ I know this because I am under the au/thor/i/ty of my su/per/i/or officers, and I have authority over my sol/diers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”



¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel! ¹¹ And I tell you this, that many Gen/tiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with A/bra/ham, I/saac, and Ja/cob at the feast in the King/dom of Hea/ven.¹² But many Is/rael/ites—those for whom the King/dom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and **gnashing** of teeth.”

¹³ Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you be/lieved, it has hap/pened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be under the authority of a superior officer?
2. The officer recognized that JESUS was a person who was in charge and also was under the authority of GOD MOST HIGH. He said, "Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed." If soldiers under the Roman officer carry out the commands of the officer, who do you think carries out JESUS' commands when He gives an order?
3. JESUS was amazed that a Gentile would have such strong faith. He implied that because of their strong faith, many Gentiles would sit with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. Based on this, why would JESUS say that many Israelites would NOT sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven?

PROJECT: JESUS marveled at the officer's faith. The officer was CONFIDENT that JESUS could just speak the word and it would be done. JESUS wants us to have confident faith just like the officer's faith. If you ask JESUS something according to His will, JESUS will give the command to His angels to make it happen! What do you need JESUS to do for you today? Take a moment in your heart to look JESUS in the eyes and politely ask Him for what you need ("LORD JESUS, would You please..."). Then, wait patiently, CONFIDENT that He is issuing the command to the angels to help you!

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

-Psalm 91:11-12