Soft C and Soft G

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: When **c** or **g** comes before **e, i or y**, it usually makes a **soft** sound: c sounds like **s** (city), g sounds like **j** (giant).

Look at the next letter: c or g + e, i, y → soft. c or g + a, o, u → hard (cat, go).

1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.



city **circle** **cent** **pencil** **face** **dance** **giant** **gym** **giraffe** **page** **cage** **bridge**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) city (b) sity (c) citty
2. (a) jiant (b) giant (c) gaint
3. (a) pensil (b) pencel (c) pencil
4. (a) giraffe (b) jiraffe (c) girafe
5. (a) sircle (b) circle (c) circel
6. (a) danse (b) dannce (c) dance
7. (a) bridge (b) brige (c) bridj
8. (a) jim (b) gym (c) gim

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. Draw a _____ around the right answer. circle giant cage
2. The bird sang in its _____. face cage cent
3. Turn to the next _____ in your book. page gym city
4. We _____ to music at the party. pencil bridge dance

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. city

_____

2. giant

_____

3. bridge

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Answer Key

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7. (a) **bridge** (b) brige (c) bridj
8. (a) jim (b) **gym** (c) gim

3. Use the words

1. Draw a **circle** around the right answer. — circle / giant / cage
2. The bird sang in its **cage**. — face / cage / cent
3. Turn to the next **page** in your book. — page / gym / city
4. We **dance** to music at the party. — pencil / bridge / dance

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. city
   Toronto is a big city.
2. giant
   The giant pumpkin won first prize.
3. bridge
   We walked across the old bridge.