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# PALS *Preschool Articulation and Language Skills*

January 15, 2015 Family Letter

Dear Family,

The emphasis in this lesson is on producing the *g* sound at the beginning of words. To make a *g* sound keep your tongue tip behind your bottom teeth and pull the back part of your tongue up against the top of your mouth. It's very much like the *k* sound, except that the *g* is voiced, which means your larynx is also activated.

The book for this lesson is **Little Gorilla** by Ruth Bornstein.

## Listening List-

Read this word list to your child. Slightly emphasize the *g* sound at the beginning of each word.

Get	Gone	Gave	Gosh
Give	Good	Gus	Goose
Guts	Guy	Going	Guide

## Target Words

Look for these things in your home and community.

Gap	Goal
Gas	Goat



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## Suggested Home activities:

1. Play the game “Duck, Duck, Goose”. Listen for and emphasize the *g* sound in “goose”.
2. Have foot races or toy cars and start by saying “Ready, Set, GO!”.
3. When you’re in the car count the times you see a green light telling you to “go”.
4. Some other books with a lot of initial *g* sounds are:  
Go Dog Go by PD Eastman  
We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury  
Other books are listed on my Goodreads page at  
<https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/37403670-speech-highway-ma-ccc-slp?shelf=g-initial>
5. Songs are a great way to practice words and also to deliver auditory bombardment. A playlist for songs with a lot of initial *g* is at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_YRCG0E8foglRU-Xc7Ke3bUD9-24BvYV](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_YRCG0E8foglRU-Xc7Ke3bUD9-24BvYV)
6. Stimulus pictures and pencil-paper activities to work on this sound can be downloaded from my website at <http://bcespeechszymczak.weebly.com/little-gorilla.html>

This letter will be posted at <http://bcespeechszymczak.weebly.com/pals-practice.html> & I’ll add other ideas for practice as I come across them. If you think of any songs, games or activities that might be good for practicing the initial *g* sound, please let me know.

Have fun!

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