

Spelling list: Words ending in -dge

One way of spelling word with a long vowel sound is with a split digraph, for example *a-e* (like in *cage*).

However, in these *-dge* words, the addition of the letter *d* turns the *long vowel sound* at the start of the word into a *short vowel sound*. The letter *d* stops the vowel at the start of the word saying its name. For example, the first syllable of *badge* is pronounced *bad* not *bade* and the first syllable of *sledge* is pronounced *sled* not *sleed*.

At the end of these words, the letter combination *-dge* creates a soft /j/ sound. Click on the speaker icons to hear the *short vowel sound* and soft /j/ sound in each word.

badge	She pinned her badge to her cardigan.
cadge	How did you manage to cadge a lift in a taxi?
edge	There is a sheer drop at the cliff edge .
dredge	They started to dredge the river.
hedger	This garden hedger grows very fast.
ledge	The ledge was high up.
sledge	My children love to sledge in the snow.
wedge	She cut a wedge of lemon for her drink.
ridge	You can see for miles from the mountain ridge .
dodge	He had to dodge the ball quickly.
lodge	The climbers found shelter in a lodge .
budge	The door was stuck and wouldn't budge .
fudge	The boy ordered a chocolate fudge sundae.
grudge	She tried not to hold a grudge .
judge	The judge sent him to jail for a year.
nudge	Mum tried to nudge her towards the right answer.

smudge My printer is leaving a black **smudge** on each page.

trudge The tired walkers will **trudge** the last mile home.

cartridge The soldier had one **cartridge** left in his rifle.