## 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 from 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.
hedge $\quad$ This garden hedge grows very fast.
ledge The ledge was high up.
sledge $\quad$ My children love to sledge in the snow.
wedge $\quad$ She cut a wedge of lemon for her drink.
ridge $\quad$ You can see for miles from the mountain ridge .
dodge $\quad$ He had to dodge the ball quickly.
lodge $\quad$ 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 $\quad$ She tried not to hold a grudge .
judge The judge sent him to jail for a year.
nudge $\quad$ Mum tried to nudge her towards the right answer.
trudge $\quad$ The tired walkers will trudge the last mile home.
cartridge $\quad$ The soldier had one cartridge left in his rifle.

