

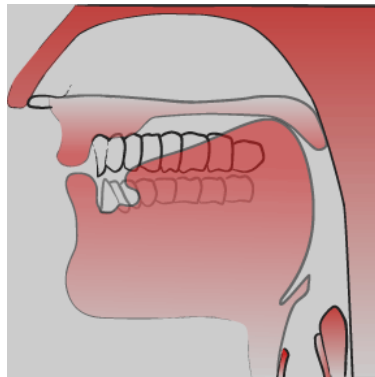
# Gamilaraay, Yuwaalaraay & Yuwaalayaay (GY) sounds n, ng, g, nh, ny



**n**

[pronuncian.com/pronounce-n-sound](https://pronuncian.com/pronounce-n-sound)

- Tongue is in the same place as English t and d on the tooth ridge (alveolar)
- Air is released through the nose when the soft palate drops (nasal)



**g**

[pronuncian.com/pronounce-g-sound](https://pronuncian.com/pronounce-g-sound)

- Tongue is in the same place as ng and k on the soft palate (velar)
- Air is stopped and released by the tongue at the back of the mouth (plosive)



**ng**

[pronuncian.com/pronounce-ng-sound](https://pronuncian.com/pronounce-ng-sound)

- Tongue is in the same place as k and g on the soft palate (velar)
- Air is released through the nose when the soft palate drops (nasal)

**nh** Like n (nasal) but with the tip of the tongue against the bottom teeth (lamino-dental).

**ny** Like n (nasal) but with the middle of the tongue pressed against the hard palate (lamino-palatal).

Sounds occur in different word positions in GY languages and English:

Sound		Word position		
		Start	Middle	End
<b>n</b>	GY English	- <b>no</b>	<b>ba</b> na (body) ba <b>na</b> na	bunbun <b>n</b> (grasshopper) fun <b>n</b>
<b>ng</b>	GY English	<b>ng</b> aya -	dha <b>ng</b> a (heel) sing <b>er</b>	- <b>sing</b>
<b>n.g</b>	GY English	- -	dhan <b>g</b> ay (puddle) gin glass	- -
<b>ngg</b>	GY English	- -	dhan <b>gg</b> al (large mussel) fin <b>g</b> er	- -
<b>nh</b>	GY English	<b>nh</b> igii (coals) -	yiilin <b>h</b> i (war) -	- -
<b>ny</b>	GY English	(-) very rare -	dhiinyaan (sow thistle) on <b>ny</b> on	gudin <b>ny</b> (little hairy people) -
<b>g</b>	GY English	<b>g</b> aba (good) go	dha <b>g</b> a (mess, rubbish) fin <b>g</b> ure	- <b>bug</b>

The difference between the pairs k/g is **voice**. You can feel this if you put your hand on your throat and say “k” and “g” in English. Voicing does not make any difference to the meaning of words in GY languages, which is why there is no linguistic difference between Gamilaroi and Kamilaroi (for more on this, see <https://www.winanga-li.org.au/yaama-gamilaraay/kamilaroi-gamilaraay-or-gomerai>)