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| J spelt ge or dge  The letter j is never used for the /dʒ/ (“dge”) sound at the end of English words.  At the end of a word, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt –**dge**  straight after the /æ/, /ɛ/, /ɪ/, /ɒ/, /ʊ/ and /ʌ/ sounds (sometimes called ‘short’ vowels).  After all other sounds, whether vowels or consonants, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt as –**ge** at the end of a word.  In other positions in words, the /dʒ/ sound is often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i, and y. The /dʒ/ sound is always spelt as j before a, o and u.  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!** | | |
| Suggested sorts:  Either sort by spelling pattern or sort by long/short vowel to highlight spelling rule and exceptions. | Long vowel | Short vowel |
| dge | ge |  |
| bridge | page | badge |
| stage | fudge | cage |
| smudge | age | trudge |
| wage | budge | charge |
| edge | barge | hedge |
| huge | fridge | large |
| judge | nudge | sledge |
| sludge | splodge | rage |
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