

## Stage 5 and 6 – Phase 4b The ‘n’ Sound

Read the text. Can you find any ‘n’ words? Look for **n**, **nn**, **kn** or **gn**.

Remember to read the word to check it has the right sound before you highlight it.

It was nearly noon, when I heard a loud knocking on the front door. When I went to answer it, my friend Natalie was standing on the doorstep. She said that she had been trying to ring me but I explained that I had disconnected my phone from the power. Natalie said they had announced that the dates of the junior tennis competition were being brought forward and it was now happening next month. Her news had a negative impact on me. I had always dreamed of being the winner of this tournament but I knew that I had been neglecting my playing recently. My exams were beginning soon and I had knowingly taken a step back from my favourite sport to give me more time to study. Now, the opportunity to compete with the best players from across the nation was coming up and I was not ready. I felt very disappointed and anxiety began gnawing at my stomach. I made the connection that if the competition began next month, the finals would be taking place in the middle of my exams. I knew I would have to resign myself to the idea that I could not compete this year.



