

Minimal pairs



Sound 1
/ɒ/
Don
Is your name Don?

Sound 2
/ɔ:/
Dawn
Is your name Dawn?



cod
This cod was in the sea.

cord
This cord was in the sea.



shot
He was shot.

short
He was short.



pot
It's a small pot.

port
It's a small port.



fox
Look for the fox.

forks
Look for the forks.



spot
I don't like these spots.

sport
I don't like these sports.



1. Listen and repeat the words. (60a)

Track 60:

2. You will hear five words from each minimal pair. (60b)

For each word, write, 1 for /ɒ/ (sound 1) or 2 for /ɔ:/ (sound 2)

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| 1. Pair 1 <u>12122</u> | 4. Pair 4 _____ |
| 2. Pair 2 _____ | 5. Pair 5 _____ |
| 3. Pair 3 _____ | 6. Pair 6 _____ |

3. Listen and repeat the minimal pair sentences. (61a)

Track 61:

4. Listen to the six of the sentences. (Track 61b)

Write 1 for /ɒ/ (sound 1) or 2 for /ɔ:/ (sound 2)

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| 1. Sentence 1 _____ | 4. Sentence 4 _____ |
| 2. Sentence 2 _____ | 5. Sentence 5 _____ |
| 3. Sentence 3 _____ | 6. Sentence 6 _____ |

5. Listen and tick the word that you hear.

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| 1 a) spots ☐ | b) sports ☐ |
| 2 a) pots ☐ | b) ports ☐ |
| 3 a) cod ☐ | b) cord ☐ |
| 4 a) shot ☐ | b) short ☐ |
| 5 a) Rod ☐ | b) roared ☐ |
| 6 a) what a ☐ | b) water ☐ |

6. Tongue twister.

1. You talk too much. Put a cork in it. The cock crowed at the crack of dawn

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2. One day you will learn English with a chat bot.

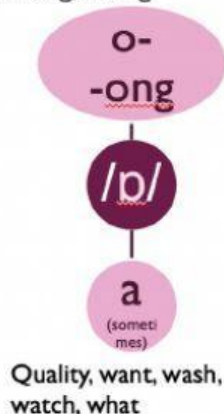
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3. The girl threw the ball in the air and **caught** it. The baby is asleep in the **cot**.

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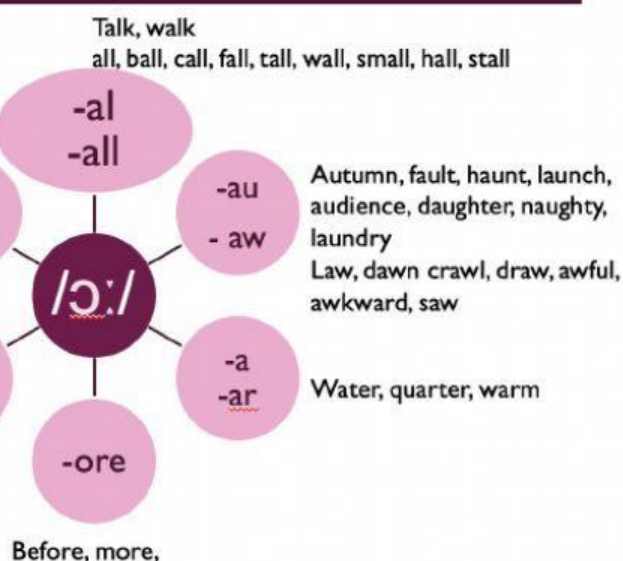
/ɒ/ /ɔ:/ AND SPELLING

log, not, pot, shot, box, fox, hot, nod,
doctor, coffee, logic, modern, often,
document, opposite
Long, wrong, strong



Born, corner, forty, horse,
short, sort, lord, horn,
hormone, morning, portable
Cross, cost, loss
Door, floor

Roar, soar, board,
coarse, boar
Four, pour, court,
course, source, cough,
ought, bought, fought,
nought, sought



GUIDEDANCE VIDEO /ɒ/ /ɔ:/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YyvesZ7o1Y>

<https://youtu.be/39JnmETR41M>