

Minimal pairs



Sound 1
/ʊ/
look

Look, a new moon!

Sound 2
/u:/
Luke

Luke, a new moon!



pull

The sign said 'Pull'.

pool

The sign said 'Pool'.



full

This isn't really full proof.

fool

This isn't really foolproof.



could

The bird could.

cooed

The bird cooed.



would

'He would, Julie,
at the full moon.'

wooded

He wooed Julie
at the full moon.



(Note: *proof* has two meanings: 1 evidence that something is true;
2 *foolproof* – made so that it can't be damaged, even by a fool)

1. Listen and repeat the words. (B3a)

Track B3:

2. You will hear five words from each minimal pair. (B3b)

For each word, write, 1 for /ʊ/ (sound 1) or 2 for /u:/ (sound 2)

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| 1. Pair 1 <u>22121</u> | 4. Pair 4 _____ |
| 2. Pair 2 _____ | 5. Pair 5 _____ |
| 3. Pair 3 _____ | |

3. Listen and repeat the minimal pair sentences. (B4a)

Track B4:

4. Listen to the six of the sentences. (Track B4b)

Write 1 for /ʊ/ (sound 1) or 2 for /u:/ (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) look ☐ | b) Luke ☐ |
| 2 a) full ☐ | b) fool ☐ |
| 3 a) pull ☐ | b) pool ☐ |
| 4 a) fullish ☐ | b) foolish ☐ |
| 5 a) would ☐ | b) wooed ☐ |

6. Tongue twister.

/ʌ/ /ʊ/

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

ʌ ʊ ʊ ʊ ʌ ʌ ʊ ʌ ʊ ʌ ʊ

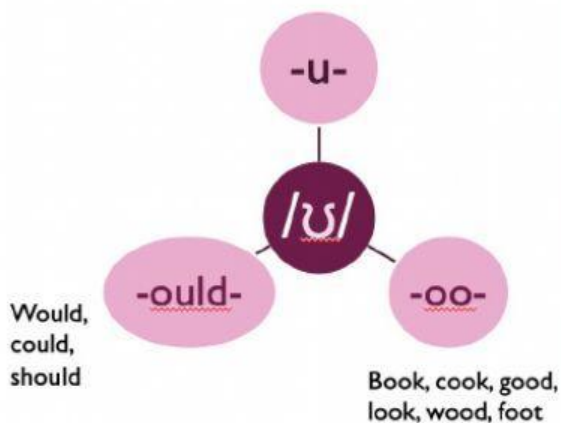
/u:/ /ʊ/

This is the good kind of food for you.

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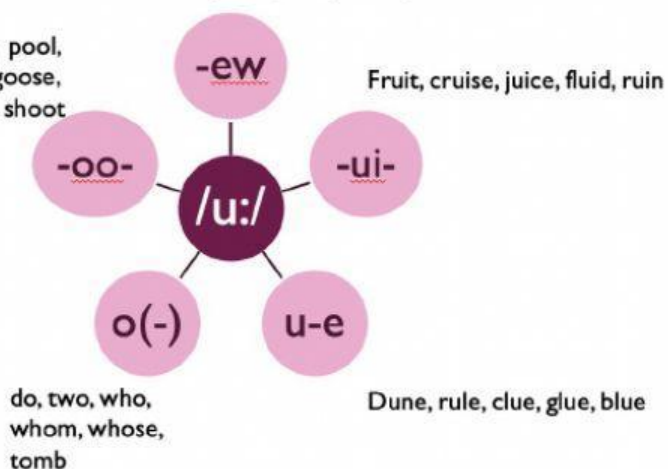
/ʊ/ /u:/ AND SPELLING

Full, sugar; bush, pull, push,
put, butcher; bullock, bullet



Crew, brew, flew, screw,

booth, cool, pool,
coop, food, goose,
soot, spoon, shoot



VIDEO /u:/ <https://youtu.be/RT-hlF1ZY2Y>

/ʊ/ <https://youtu.be/k5s8kXGw5SM>