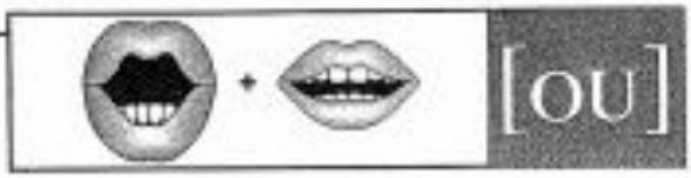
Lesson 10 [oʊ] as in *oh*, *no*, and *boat*

PRONOUNCING [oʊ]



Lips: Tense and very rounded

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes slightly

Tongue: Glides from midlevel to near the roof of the mouth

[oʊ] is a diphthong. A diphthong is a compound vowel sound made by blending two vowels together very quickly. The diphthong [oʊ] begins with [o] and ends with [ʊ].

Possible Pronunciation Problems

Once again, your pronunciation problems with this sound occur because of confusing English spelling patterns and similarities with other vowel sounds.

EXAMPLES
If you say [ʌ] instead of [oʊ]: **coat** will sound like **cut**.
If you say [ɔ] instead of [oʊ]: **bold** will sound like **bald**.
If you say [a] instead of [oʊ]: **note** will sound like **not**.

When producing the diphthong [oʊ], round your lips into the shape of the letter o. [oʊ] is a long sound; be sure to prolong it.

Listen and practice and know your [oʊ] will be *OK*!

Practice

EXERCISE A **Listen and repeat.**

[oʊ] At the Beginning of Words		
oat	odor	oval
own	only	open
oak	over	ocean
old		

[oʊ] In the Middle of Words		
boat	roam	spoke
both	loan	soul
coast	known	don't
nose		

[oʊ] At the End of Words		
go	sew	snow
no	ago	hello
so	show	though
toe		

LIVEWORKSHEETS