Lesson 8 [u] as in *you*, *too*, and *rule* and [ʊ] as in *cook* and *put*

PRONOUNCING [u]



Lips: Tense and in a "whistling" position
Jaw: Almost completely raised
Tongue: High, near the roof of the mouth

Possible Pronunciation Problems

Pronunciation problems occur because of confusing English spelling patterns and the similarity of [u] and [ʊ] (the sound to be discussed next).

EXAMPLES When you substitute [ʊ] for [u]: **pool** becomes **pull**.
suit becomes **soot**.

Your lips should be tense and in a "whistling" position when you say [u]. [u] is a long sound; be sure to *prolong* it.

***You can do it!* If you remember to protrude your lips when producing [u], you'll never confuse "pull" with "pool"!**

Practice

EXERCISE A

Listen and repeat.

[u] In the Middle of Words			[u] At the End of Words		
food	suit	group	do	shoe	threw
pool	truth	ruler	new	flew	through
room	goose	school	you	chew	canoe

The vowel [u] does not occur at the beginning of words in English.
Exception: "ooze."

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