

Lesson 9

[ʌ] as in *up*, *but*, and *come*

PRONOUNCING [ʌ]



[ʌ]

Lips: Relaxed and slightly parted

Jaw: Relaxed and slightly lowered

Tongue: Relaxed and midlevel in the mouth

Possible Pronunciation Problems

The vowel [ʌ] may not exist in your language and may be difficult for you to hear and pronounce. It is easy to become confused by irregular English spelling patterns and to substitute sounds that are more familiar to you.

- EXAMPLES**
- If you say [a] instead of [ʌ]: **color** will sound like **collar**.
 - If you say [ou] instead of [ʌ]: **come** will sound like **comb**.
 - If you say [ɔ] instead of [ʌ]: **done** will sound like **dawn**.

Remember, [ʌ] is a short, quick sound. You shouldn't feel any tension, and your lips should barely move during its production.

Just relax as you say [ʌ] and you won't run into trouble!