

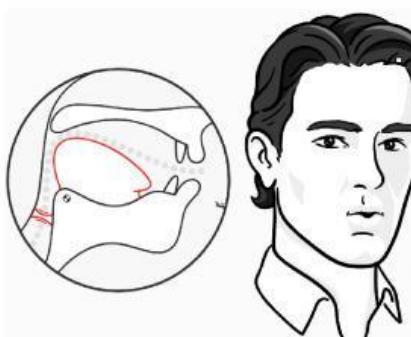
MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS

vowel sound

/u/

...

AS IN
"BLUE"



Lips: Tense and in a "whistling" position

Jaw: Almost completely raised

Tongue: High, near the roof of the mouth

[u] In the Middle of Words

food	suit	group
pool	truth	ruler
room	goose	school

[u] At the End of Words

do	shoe	threw
new	flew	through
you	chew	canoe

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

QUICK TIPS

[u] Spelled

<i>u</i>	<i>oo</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>ew</i>	<i>ue</i>
rule	cool	do	new	due
rude	fool	to	drew	blue
June	too	who	stew	clue
tune	noon	tomb	knew	glued
tuna	stool	lose	news	avenue



- Less frequent patterns for [u] consist of the letters **ui, ou, oe, ieu** and **ough**.

fruit group shoe lieutenant through

- The letter **oo** followed by ***l, m, or n*** are usually pronounced [u].

School boom moon



**Did You
Know?**

- When the letter **u** follows ***t, d, n, or s***, some Americans pronounce it [ju].

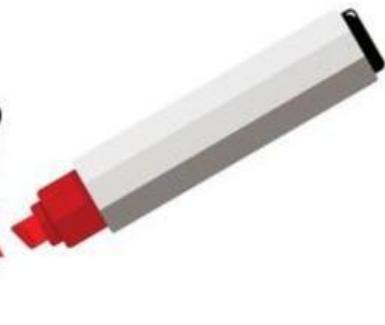
Tuesday duty new suit

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[u]

PRACTICE



INSTRUCTION

PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS.



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[u]

1. you	11. room	21. tr <u>u</u> th
2. to	12. actu <u>ally</u>	22. stup <u>id</u>
3. do	13. knew	23. foo <u>d</u>
4. who	14. school	24. movie
5. too	15. soon	25. rule
6. two	16. few	26. foo <u>l</u>
7. use	17. true	27. du <u>de</u>
8. new	18. lose	28. absolutely
9. move	19. shoot	29. group
10. through	20. cool	30. blue

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 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**



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INSTRUCTION

Practice the next text with a classmate.



NEW ORLEANS



One of the most **beautiful** cities in the United States is **New Orleans**. This city on the **bayou** is full of **unique** sights and sounds. **New Orleans** offers good **food** and **music**. Famous chefs create **soups** and **stews** **influenced** by the Creole and Cajun **communities**. Jazz and the **blues** started in New Orleans with **musicians** like **Louis Armstrong**. Tourists come to Mardi Gras dressed in **costumes** to look at the **truly super** homes on St. Charles **Avenue**. Whether **you** take a **cruise** down the Mississippi or **choose** fine dining spots, **you** should visit **New Orleans** in the **future**.



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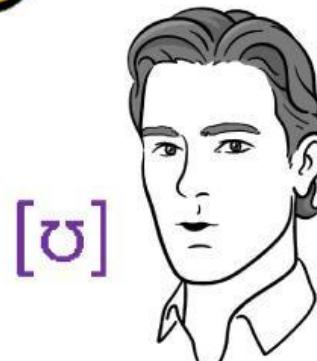
Step-by-step pronunciation instructions:

- **Mouth:** Open your mouth slightly.
- **Lips:** Round your lips slightly and keep them relaxed.
- **Tongue:** Relax your tongue, raise the back high up, and pull it towards your throat.

QUICK TIPS

[ʊ] In the Middle of Words

cook	shook	foot
full	push	brook
book	could	hood
good	put	sugar
stood	wood	woman
look	took	cushion



The vowel [ʊ] occurs only in the middle of words in English.

[ʊ] Spelled

<i>u</i>	<i>oo</i>	<i>ou</i>
pull	wool	could
put	wood	would
push	hook	should
bullet	good	
pudding	cookie	



Less frequent pattern for [ʊ] is letter **O**.



woman



wolf

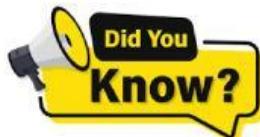
The letter oo followed by **d or k** are usually pronounced [ʊ].

hood good wood book look cook



The letter u followed by **sh** is usually pronounced [ʊ].

bush push cushion



Fun fact: the relaxed /ʊ/ sound is the least common vowel in American English.

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INSTRUCTION

PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS.

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[ʊ]

1. look	11. full	21. bull
2. good	12. push	22. cookie
3. would	13. cook	23. fulfill
4. could	14. foot	24. fully
5. should	15. wood	25. childhood
6. put	16. bullet	26. bush
7. woman	17. hook	27. footstep
8. took	18. sugar	28. bully
9. book	19. wolf	29. hood
10. pull	20. stood	30. crook

INSTRUCTION

Practice the next text with a classmate.



Little Red Riding Hood

One of our favorite **childhood books** is *Little Red Riding Hood*. Little Red Riding **Hood** walked through the **woods** to bring a basket of **cooked goods** and **sugar cookies** to her grandmother. Meanwhile, a **wolf** came from behind the **bushes** into Grandmother's house. He **put** the poor **woman** in the closet. He **put** her clothes on, hoping Red Riding Hood **would** think he was Grandma. When Red Riding **Hood** **stood** at the door, she **looked** at the **wolf**. (Now, we all know that the **wolf** **couldn't** "pull the **wool** over Red Riding **Hood's** eyes." Who **wouldn't** recognize a **wolf** in a **woman's** clothing?) A hunter was walking through the **woods**, and he heard Red Riding **Hood's** screams. He shot a **bullet** and killed the **wolf**. Moral of the story: A **wolf** by any other name **LIVE WORKSHEETS**

INSTRUCTION

Practice the dialogue with a classmate. Pay careful attention to the **[u]** and **[ɔ]** words in boldfaced type.

LONG [u] VOWEL SOUND

/ SHORT [ɔ] VOWEL SOUND

[ɔ]

[ɔ]

[u] [u]

Lou: Good afternoon. Books Travel Group. **Lou** speaking.

[u]

[u]

[ɔ]

[u]

[ɔ]

Lucy: Hi, **Lou**. This is **Lucy** Fuller. I'm due for a trip and would like a

[u]

[u]

[u]

Few day away from my **two** children and my husband **Drew**!

[ɔ]

[u]

[u]

I'd like to **book** a cruise for **June**.

[u]

[ɔ]

[u]

[u]

[u]

Lou: You should try the **new**est ship, the "**Super Cruiser**." It sails down the

[u]

[u]

[u]

[u]

[u]

Blue **Danube**. You fly to the ship from **New** York on **Tuesday**, **June** 1st.

[ɔ]

[u]

[u] [u]

I just **took** a **cruise** on it, too. It was **truly** **super**!

[u]

[u]

[u][u]

[u]

Lucy: It is **true** the rooms on **cruises** are **usually** small and **gloomy**?

[u]

[ɔ]

[u]

[u]

Lou: No. The cabins are **roomy** and **full** of light. They all have **beautiful** views.

[u]

Lucy: How's the **food**?

[ɔ]

[u]

[u]

Lou: The **cooks** prepare **unique** **menus**. There's so much

[u]

Choose from.

Lucy

[u] [u] [u] [u]

That's why I usually lose a few pounds before the cruise.

[u][u] [u]

Lucy: Besides eating, what do you do on a cruise?

[u] [ɔ] [u] [u] [u] [ɔ]

Lou: You will have a full routine. There is a huge pool, and the crew will take good care

[u] [ɔ] [u] [u] [ɔ] [ɔ]

of you. You could relax on deck with a cool drink, read a good book, watch a

[u] [u] [u]

movie, or even take a snooze.



[u] [u]

Lucy: I don't want to be rude, but how much is the cruise?

[ɔ] [u] [u]

Lou: Here's the good news. For June, the fares are

[u] [u] [u]

reduced. Two can cruise for the price of one.

[u] [ɔ] [u] [u] [u]

Lucy: Are you pulling my leg? This is too good to be true. Well I'm

[u] [u] [ɔ] [u] [u] [u] [u] [u]

no full. Who says a woman should leave her good-looking husband alone? Put

[u] [u] [u] [u] [u] [u] [u]

us down for two. Drew and I will cruise the beautiful Blue Danube in June!





LISTENING SECTION



INSTRUCTION

Listen to each sentence and choose the word you hear.

1. The sign on the door says pool pull .
2. Luke look I want you to come here.
3. Where did that black suit soot come from?
4. I think he's a fool full .
5. I stewed stood the vegetable in the pot.
6. She stepped on my food foot.



INSTRUCTION

Make a conversation in which you apply the sounds [u] and [ɔ] .

Moreover, apply the sound [a] in such conversation. Use the chart of the 30 MOST COMMON WORDS of each sound and include as many words as you can.