

## Minimal pairs



## Sound 1

/ʊ/

look

Look, a new moon!



The sign said 'Pull'.



This isn't really full proof.



The bird could.

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

would

## Sound 2

/u:/

Luke

Luke, a new moon!



pool

The sign said 'Pool'.



fool

This isn't really foolproof.



cooed

The bird cooed.



wooed

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)

1. Pair 1 22121

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)

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.

1 a) look	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Luke	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 a) full	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) fool	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 a) pull	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) pool	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 a) fullish	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) foolish	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 a) would	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) wooed	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. Tongue twister.

/ʌ/ /ʊ/ How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

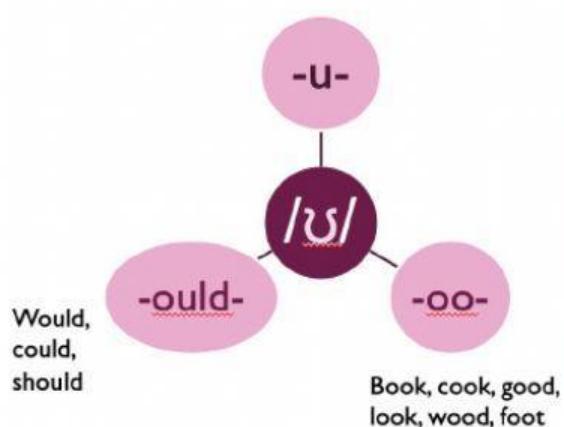
ʌ ʊ ʊ ʊ ʌ ʌ ʊ ʌ ʊ ʌ ʊ

/u:/ /ʊ/ This is the good kind of food for you.

i i ʊ u: ju:

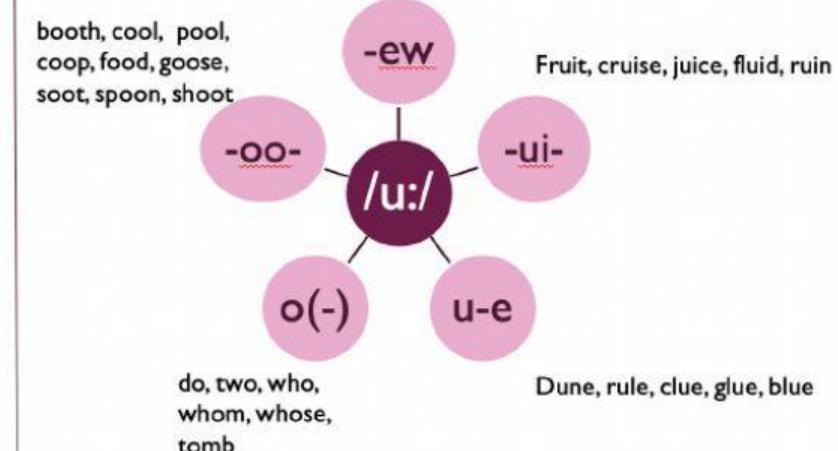
## /ʊ/ /u:/ AND SPELLING

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>