PRONOUNCING [ʊ]



Lips: Relaxed and slightly parted
Jaw: Slightly lower than for [u]
Tongue: High, but lower than for [u]

Remember NOT to protrude your lips and tense them as you would for [u]. [ʊ] is a short, quick sound; your lips should barely move while saying it.

Practice [ʊ] as you *sho*uld, and you'll be understood!

Practice

EXERCISE A

Listen and repeat. Remember to relax your lips and jaw as you produce [ʊ].

[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

u	*oo*	*ou*
pull	wool	could
put	wood	would
push	hook	should
bullet	good	
pudding	cookie	

note

A less frequent spelling pattern for [ʊ] is the letter *o*.

wolf woman

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