

hint

The letters *oo* followed by *d* or *k* are usually pronounced [u].

hood good wood book look cook

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

bush push cushion

EXERCISE B

 Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the [u] sound in the boldfaced words.

1. **Look** out!
2. Take a **good look**.
3. It's **good-looking**.
4. He **couldn't** come.
5. **Should** we go?
6. Who **took** my **book**?
7. **Put** the **wood** away.
8. He took a look at the **crook**.
9. The woman **stood** on one foot.
10. Could you eat ten **sugar cookies**?

CHECK YOURSELF

 Listen carefully to the following sentences. Some words that should be pronounced with [u] will be said incorrectly. Circle C if the pronunciation of the words in the sentence is correct. Circle I if the pronunciation of the words in the sentence is incorrect. (For answers, see Appendix II, page 275.)

EXAMPLES You hear I was fool after eating. You circle C (I)
 You hear The cushion is soft. You circle (C) I

1. C I
2. C I
3. C I
4. C I
5. C I
6. C I
7. C I
8. C I
9. C I
10. C I