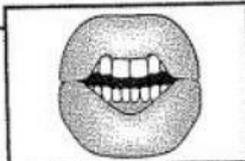


# Lesson 14

[ɜː] as in *turn, first, and serve*  
and [ɝ] as in *father and actor*

## PRONOUNCING [ɜː]



**Lips:** Protruded and slightly parted

**Jaw:** Slightly lowered

**Tongue:** Midlevel in the mouth

[ɜː] is a sound that occurs only in stressed syllables of words.

### Possible Pronunciation Problems

The vowel [ɜː] does not exist in most languages. Just remember that [ɜː] always receives strong emphasis and is found only in stressed syllables. It is produced with slightly protruded lips and tense tongue muscles.

Be sure to practice and you'll be certain to learn [ɜː]!