

A spoonful of sugar /u:/ and /ʊ/

How to make the sound /u:/

/u:/ is a long sound. Listen and then say the sound. Make your lips into a tunnel shape. Your tongue is a long way back in your mouth.

How to make the sound /ʊ/

/ʊ/ is a short sound. Listen and then say the sound. Your tongue is not so far back as for /u:/.

Exercises

1. Select the words with /u:/ (There are nine.)

a. food	f. room	k. town
b. four	g. school	l. Tuesday
c. June	h. soup	m. two
d. look	i. spoon	
e. news	j. sugar	

Listen to check your answers.

2. Put the /u:/ words from Exercise 1 in the sentences.

- Do you like fast?
- Are you coming to?
- It's the second of
- Let's watch the
- is over there.
- Here's a for your

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3. Select the words with /ʊ/ (There are six.)

a. book	e. good	i. sugar
b. cookery	f. looking	j. thought
c. cough	g. lunch	k. through
d. could	h. soon	

Listen to check your answers.

4. Put the /ʊ/ words from Exercise 3 in the sentences.

- Do you take?
- you help me? I'm for a cookery

5. Select the words that have /u:/ or /ʊ/, then put them in the correct column.

- Is it really true?
- You're standing on my foot!
- Are you a good cook?
- Where's my toothbrush?
- Do you push or pull to open this door?
- I'll be ready soon.
- Here's your ticket – don't lose it!
- Go through that door over there.
- My keys! Where did I put them?

/u:/	/ʊ/

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6. Listen and select the word you hear.

- pool / pull
- look / luck
- soup / soap