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MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS

Vowel sound /ʌ/ as in "us"

Lips: Relaxed and slightly parted
Jaw: Relaxed and slightly lowered
Tongue: Relaxed and midlevel in the mouth

- Less frequent patterns for **[ʌ] consist of the letters ou, oe, oo and a.**

cousin **trouble** **flood** **does** **was** **what**

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video lesson: Watch the following video about the production of the sound [ʌ]. Watch the video as many times as you need it to produce such important vowel sound.

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INSTRUCTIONS Practice pronunciation of the **[ʌ] sound** with the top 30 most common words.

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Play video

1. some
2. love
3. because
4. much
5. other
6. nothing
7. must
8. won
9. money
10. done
11. run
12. mother
13. enough
14. another
15. son
16. brother
17. once
18. such
19. until
20. young
21. month
22. stuff
23. under
24. shut
25. cut
26. gun
27. numb
28. fun
29. husband
30. trust

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INSTRUCTIONS

Listen and practice the following words with the sound [ʌ]

/ ʌ /

Practice Words

us / ʌs /	butter / ˈbʌt ər /	young / yʌŋ /	blood / blʌd /
bump / bʌmp /	brush / brʌʃ /	bubble / ˈbʌb l /	bug / bʌg /
bulb / bʌlb /	couple / kʌ pl /	club / ˈklʌb /	come / kʌm /

INSTRUCTIONS Practice pronunciation of the [ʌ] sound with the the following sentences.

1. **Come** in.
2. What **does** it mean?
3. **bubble gum**
4. **once** a **month**
5. **Once** is **enough**.
6. **cover up**
7. My **uncle** is my **mother's brother**.
8. My **cousin** is my **uncle's son**.
9. The **gloves** are **such** an **ugly color**.
10. **Come** and have **some fun** in the **sun**.

[ʌ]

Common Expressions

Listen and repeat these common expressions with the sound /ʌ/.

What country are you from?
What's up? Nothing much.
That was fun!
Do you have enough money?
Would you like another one?
I love it!

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INSTRUCTIONS Read the following recipe. Remember, all the boldface words should be pronounced with the sound [ʌ] .

Recipe for **Fudge** Brownies

Everyone loves mother's fudge brownies. **Just** follow these easy-to-**understand instructions**, and the brownies will **come** out **wonderfully**!

You'll need:

- **One cup** flour
- **One cup** sugar
- Two **country** fresh eggs
- **One**-half **cup butter**
- **One cup nuts**
- Half-**dozen** tablespoons cocoa
- **One** package chocolate **fudge** frosting mix
- **One** package tiny marshmallows

Melt **butter** over low heat in **double**-boiler, **uncovered**. Beat eggs and sugar **until color** is clear; add **butter** and cocoa. Stir in flour **just until** smooth. Mix in **nuts**. Pour into **ungreased** eight-inch-square pan. Turn **oven up** to three **hundred** degrees and bake **one**-half hour or **until done**. **Cover** with marshmallows. Leave in **oven until** marshmallows are **runny**. **Once** it is cool to the **touch**, top with **fudge** icing. **Cut up** into squares. **Yum-yum**!

INSTRUCTIONS Let´s imagine you are a famous chef of a fancy restaurant, and you must explain the recipe of a "new dish" to the food and beverage managers. Do research on Internet and then explain the instructions to your classmates and teacher. Please, Make sure you pronounce the sound [ʌ] **properly.**

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Listening SECTION

TASK # 1

INSTRUCTIONS Listen carefully to the next dialogue and then drag and drop the missing words. The target sound of this activity is the sound **[ʌ]. Later, practice the conversation with a classmate.**

wonderful | unhappy | nothing | Love

other | month | funny | honey | young

Jasmine RUSSEL

Jasmine: Why are you so_____?

Russell: (says nothing)

Jasmine: _____, why are you so sad?

Russell: You don´t love me, Jasmine.

Jasmine: But Russell, I don´t understand. I _____ you very much!

Russell: No, you don´t. You´re in love with my cousin.

Jasmine: Justin?

Russell: No, my _____ cousin.

Jasmine: Duncan?

Russell: Don´t be _____. He´s much too _____. I´m talking about his brother.

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Jasmine: You mean Hunter? That´s nuts!

Russell: And Hunter loves you, too.

Jasmine: No, he doesn´t.

Russell: Yes, he does.

Jasmine: Rusell, just once last _____ I had lunch with Hunter.

There´s_____ for you to be jealous about.

Russell: You think he´s fun to be with and I´m just……dull.

Jasmine: Buy honey, I like your company much better than Hunter´s. I think you´re _____.

Russell: you do?

TASK # 2

INSTRUCTION Listen to each sentence and choose the word you hear.

1. Don´t sit on the **bag** **bug** .
2. This **cap** **cup** is too small .
3. I threw away the old **rag** **rug** .
4. What happened to your **ankle** **uncle** .
5. They **ran** **run** quickly.
6. How did he get that **cat** **cut?**

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INSTRUCTION Discuss the next questions with your classmates. Make sure you pronounce the sound [ʌ] **properly.For example, when you say *love*.**

Group Work

Speaking and listening - Elementary to Intermediate

Let's talk about LOVE

Conversation cards

Have you ever been in love? How did you feel?	What is love? Give your own definition. Discuss in group.	Think of a modern love story. Tell it to the class.
In which fairy tales is love important? Tell one in your own words.	At what age do people get married in your country? What about you?	Describe your ideal partner. Say what they should look like (e.g. tall, handsome, fit) or be like (e.g. friendly, romantic, rich).
How long have your parents been married? (or: How long were they married?)	Have you ever attended a wedding ceremony? What happens?	Have you ever been on a *blind date?* Would you like to? Why or why not?
Have you ever had a broken heart? What happened? Talk about it if you want.	Is it possible to find a partner online? Is it safe? Discuss in group.	Money can't buy love. Do you agree? Discuss.
How many marriages end in divorce nowadays? Discuss. Do research.	Are same-sex relationships accepted in your country? What's your view on them?	There is no difference between a wise man and a fool when they fall in love. Explain this saying. Do you agree?
Do you believe in *love at first sight?* Discuss.	'Until death do us part.' Where are these words spoken? When? Why?	Love is blind. Can you explain this proverb? Do you agree?

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