

UNIT 11

/ɔ/ • ball

Using Stress and Intonation to Show a Contrast



/a/



/ɔ/

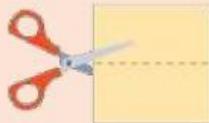
Practice the sound /a/.
Pull your tongue back a little for /ɔ/.
Push your lips forward a little
and make them round.
Listen and repeat: /ɔ/.

A Word Pairs 1

1 Listen to these word pairs.

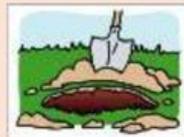
Sound 1: /ʌ/

Sound 2: /ɔ/



Cut

Caught



Dug

Dog



Bus

Boss



Done

Dawn



Color

Caller



2 Listen again and repeat.

In words without *r* after the vowel, many people in the U.S. and Canada use the sound /a/ instead of /ɔ/.