

PRONOUNCING [ɔ]



Lips: In a tense oval shape and slightly protruded

Jaw: Open more than for [ou]

Tongue: Low, near the floor of the mouth

Possible Pronunciation Problems

The vowel [ɔ] is another troublemaker. Confusing English spelling patterns can cause you to substitute more familiar vowels.

- EXAMPLES** If you say [a] instead of [ɔ]: **caller** will sound like **collar**.
 If you say [ou] instead of [ɔ]: **bought** will sound like **boat**.
 If you say [ʌ] instead of [ɔ]: **bought** will sound like **but**.
 Listen carefully and your pronunciation of [ɔ] will improve.

Remember to protrude your lips and drop your jaw as you say [ɔ].

Practice

EXERCISE A



Listen and repeat.

[ɔ] At the Beginning of Words

all	awful	always
off	often	August
also	ought	audience

[ɔ] In the Middle of Words

boss	wrong	taught
fall	broad	across
song	bought	naughty

[ɔ] At the End of Words

awe	flaw	thaw
raw	draw	straw
law	claw	jaw

[ɔ] Spelled

o	a	aw	au
dog	fall	jaw	auto
toss	call	lawn	fault
lost	mall	dawn	cause
long	salt	drawn	taught
offer	stall	awful	auction