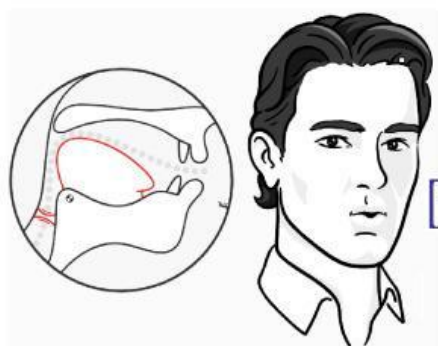


MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS



AS IN  
"BLUE"



**Lips:** Tense and in a "whistling" position  
**Jaw:** Almost completely raised  
**Tongue:** High, near the roof of the mouth

[u] In the Middle of Words

food	suit	group
pool	truth	ruler
room	goose	school

[u] At the End of Words

do	shoe	threw
new	flew	through
you	chew	canoe

The vowel [u] does not occur at the beginning of words in English.  
Exception: "ooze."

## QUICK TIPS

### [u] Spelled

<i>u</i>	<i>oo</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>ew</i>	<i>ue</i>
rule	cool	do	new	due
rude	fool	to	drew	blue
June	too	who	stew	clue
tune	noon	tomb	knew	glued
tuna	stool	lose	news	avenue



✚ Less frequent patterns for [u] consist of the letters **ui, ou, oe, ieu** and **ough**.

**fruit**

**group**

**shoe**

**lieutenant**

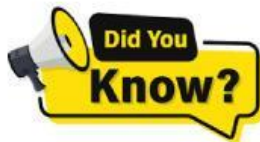
**through**

✚ The letter **oo** followed by ***l, m, or n*** are usually pronounced [u].

**School**

**boom**

**moon**



✚ When the letter **u** follows ***t, d, n, or s***, some Americans pronounce it [ju].

**Tuesday**

**duty**

**new**

**suit**

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# [u]

# PRACTICE



**INSTRUCTION**

PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS.



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[u]



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- |             |              |                |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. you      | 11. room     | 21. truth      |
| 2. to       | 12. actually | 22. stupid     |
| 3. do       | 13. knew     | 23. food       |
| 4. who      | 14. school   | 24. movie      |
| 5. too      | 15. soon     | 25. rule       |
| 6. two      | 16. few      | 26. fool       |
| 7. use      | 17. true     | 27. dude       |
| 8. new      | 18. lose     | 28. absolutely |
| 9. move     | 19. shoot    | 29. group      |
| 10. through | 20. cool     | 30. blue       |

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## INSTRUCTION

Practice the next text with a classmate.



NEW ORLEANS



One of the most **beautiful** cities in the **United States** is **New Orleans**. This city on the **bayou** is full of **unique** sights and sounds. **New Orleans** offers good **food** and **music**. Famous chefs create **soups** and **stews** **influenced** by the Creole and Cajun **communities**. Jazz and the **blues** started in **New Orleans** with **musicians** like **Louis Armstrong**. **Tourists** come to Mardi Gras dressed in **costumes** to look at the **truly super** homes on St. Charles **Avenue**. Whether **you** take a **cruise** down the Mississippi or **choose** fine dining spots, **you** should visit **New Orleans** in the **future**.



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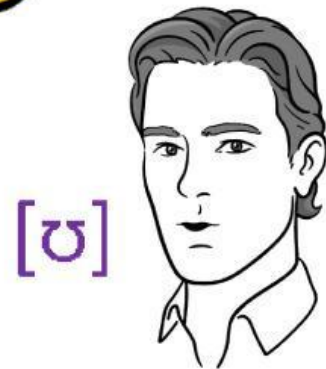
### Step-by-step pronunciation instructions:

- **Mouth:** Open your mouth slightly.
- **Lips:** Round your lips slightly and keep them relaxed.
- **Tongue:** Relax your tongue, raise the back high up, and pull it towards your throat.

### QUICK TIPS

#### [ʊ] In the Middle of Words

cook	shook	foot
full	push	brook
book	could	hood
good	put	sugar
stood	wood	woman
look	took	cushion



The vowel [ʊ] occurs only in the middle of words in English.

#### [ʊ] Spelled

<i>u</i>	<i>oo</i>	<i>ou</i>
pull	wool	could
put	wood	would
push	hook	should
bullet	good	
pudding	cookie	



✚ Less frequent pattern for [ʊ] is letter **O**.



woman

wolf



✚ The letter oo followed by **d or k** are usually pronounced [ʊ].

hood

good

wood

book

look

cook

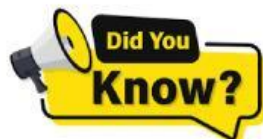


✚ The letter u followed by **sh** is usually pronounced [ʊ].

bush

push

cushion



Fun fact: the relaxed /ʊ/ sound is the least common vowel in American English.

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[ʊ]



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- |           |            |               |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 1. look   | 11. full   | 21. bull      |
| 2. good   | 12. push   | 22. cookie    |
| 3. would  | 13. cook   | 23. fulfill   |
| 4. could  | 14. foot   | 24. fully     |
| 5. should | 15. wood   | 25. childhood |
| 6. put    | 16. bullet | 26. bush      |
| 7. woman  | 17. hook   | 27. footstep  |
| 8. took   | 18. sugar  | 28. bully     |
| 9. book   | 19. wolf   | 29. hood      |
| 10. pull  | 20. stood  | 30. crook     |



### Little Red Riding Hood

One of our favorite **childhood books** is *Little Red Riding Hood*. Little Red Riding **Hood** walked through the **woods** to bring a basket of **cooked goods** and **sugar cookies** to her grandmother. Meanwhile, a **wolf** came from behind the **bushes** into Grandmother's house. He **put** the poor **woman** in the closet. He **put** her clothes on, hoping Red Riding **Hood** **would** think he was Grandma. When Red Riding **Hood** **stood** at the door, she **looked** at the **wolf**. (Now, we all know that the **wolf** **couldn't** "**pull** the **wool** over Red Riding **Hood's** eyes." Who **wouldn't** recognize a **wolf** in a **woman's** clothing?) A hunter was walking through the **woods**, and he heard Red Riding **Hood's** screams. He shot a **bullet** and killed the **wolf**. Moral of the story: A **wolf** by any other name.

## INSTRUCTION

Practice the dialogue with a classmate. Pay careful attention to the [u] and [U] words in boldfaced type.

Lou: [u] Good [u] afternoon. [u] Brooks [u] Travel [u] Group. [u] Lou [u] speaking.

Lucy: Hi, [u] Lou. This is [u] Lucy [u] Fuller. I'm [u] due [u] for a trip and [u] would [u] like a [u] few [u] days away from my [u] two [u] children and my husband [u] Drew! I'd like to [u] book [u] a [u] cruise [u] for [u] June.

Lou: [u] You [u] should [u] try the [u] newest [u] ship, the "[u] Super [u] Cruiser." It sails down the [u] Blue [u] Danube. [u] You [u] fly to the ship from [u] New [u] York on [u] Tuesday, [u] June [u] 1st. I just [u] took [u] a [u] cruise [u] on it, [u] too. It was [u] truly [u] super!

Lucy: Is it [u] true [u] the [u] rooms [u] on [u] cruises [u] are [u] usually [u] small and [u] gloomy?

Lou: No. The cabins are [u] roomy [u] and [u] full [u] of [u] light. They all have [u] beautiful [u] views.

Lucy: How's the [u] food?

Lou: The [u] cooks [u] prepare [u] unique [u] menus. There's so much to [u] choose [u] from. That's why I [u] usually [u] lose [u] a [u] few [u] pounds before the [u] cruise.

Lucy: Besides eating, what [u] do [u] you [u] do [u] on a [u] cruise?

Lou: [u] You [u] will have a [u] full [u] routine. There is a [u] huge [u] pool, and the [u] crew [u] will take [u] good [u] care of [u] you. [u] You [u] could [u] relax on deck with a [u] cool [u] drink, read a [u] good [u] book, watch a [u] movie, or even take a [u] snooze.

Lucy: I don't want to be [u] rude, but how much is the [u] cruise?

Lou: Here's the [u] good [u] news. For [u] June, the fares are [u] reduced. [u] Two [u] can [u] cruise [u] for the price of one.



Lou



Lucy



Lucy: Are **you** **pulling** my leg? This is **too** **good** to be **true**. Well, I'm  
no **fool**. **Who** says a **woman** **should** leave her **good-looking**  
husband alone? **Put** us down for **two**. **Drew** and I will **cruise** the  
beautiful **Blue Danube** in **June**!



## LISTENING SECTION



### INSTRUCTION

Listen to each sentence and  
choose the word you hear.

- The sign on the door says **pool** **pull** .
- Luke** **look** I want you to come here.
- Where did that black **suit** **soot** come from?
- I think he's **a fool** **full** .
- I **stewed** **stood** the vegetable in the pot.
- She stepped on my **food** **foot**.