

Vowel sound /ʌ/ as in "us"



QUICK TIPS

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.



INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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



INSTRUCTIONS



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

/ ʌ /

Practice Words

us / ʌs /	butter / 'bʌt ər /	young / yʌŋ /	blood / blʌd /
bump / bʌmp /	brush / brʌʃ /	bubble / 'bʌb l /	bug / bʌg /
bulb / bʌlb /	couple / kʌ pl /	club / 'klʌb /	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!



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.

Note: In case you need ideas,

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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

RUSSELL

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.



Jasmine: You mean Hunter? That's nuts!

Russell: And Hunter loves you, too.

Jasmine: No, he doesn't.

Russell: Yes, he does.

Jasmine: Russell, 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**?

INSTRUCTION

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



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?

