

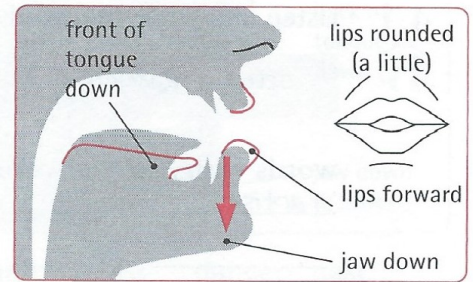
A dog in the corner

/ɒ/ and /ɔ:/'

A

How to make the sound /ɒ/

- A30a • /ɒ/ is a short sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Round your lips a little. The front of your tongue is low and towards the back of your mouth. Target sound: /ɒ/



B

Sound and spelling

- A30b • /ɒ/ is usually spelled o, and sometimes a. Listen and repeat.
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|----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|-----|------|
| bottle | box | chocolate | clock | coffee | copy | cost | cross | doctor | dog | gone |
| got | holiday | hospital | hot | job | lock | long | lost | lot | not | off |
| possible | shop | song | sorry | stop | top | wrong | | | | |
| quality | want | wash | wasn't | watch | what | | | | | |



Note: The word *cough* is pronounced /kɒf/.

Note: The word *was* is sometimes pronounced with /ɒ/. (See Unit 40.)



- A30c • Now listen and say these sentences.

- 1 Have you got a lot of shopping?
- 2 John's gone to the shops.

- 3 How much did your holiday cost?

- 4 She said the coffee wasn't very good, but I thought it was.



A30d Most Americans pronounce these words differently. Listen.

- 1 Have you got a lot of shopping?
- 2 John's gone to the shops.

- 3 How much did your holiday cost?

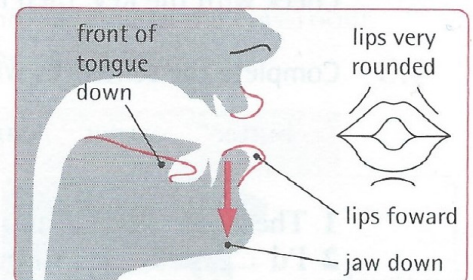
- 4 She said the coffee wasn't very good, but I thought it was.

Important for listening

C

How to make the sound /ɔ:/'

- A31a • /ɔ:/' is a long sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Round your lips more than for /ɒ/. Target sound: /ɔ:/'



D

Sound and spelling

- A31b • /ɔ:/' has different spellings. Listen and say these words.

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|------|--------|----------|--------|------|------|
| a | all | ball | call | fall | tall |
| | wall | water | | | |
| al | talk | walk | | | |
| au | autumn | | | | |
| aw | saw | | | | |
| augh | caught | daughter | taught | | |
| ough | bought | thought | | | |

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|-----|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| ar | quarter | warm | | |
| or | born | corner | forty | horse |
| | short | sort | | |
| oor | door | floor | | |
| ore | before | more | | |
| our | four | | | |



- A31c • Now listen and say these phrases.

- 1 quarter past four
- 2 born in autumn
- 3 have some more
- 4 walking on water
- 5 the fourth door on the fourth floor



A31d When there is a letter r after /ɔ:/'/, most Americans, Scots and Irish, and some other English speakers pronounce this r. Listen.

- 1 quarter past four
- 2 born in autumn
- 3 have some more
- 4 walking on water
- 5 the fourth door on the fourth floor

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Exercises

5.1 Write these words.

EXAMPLE /bɒks/ box

1 /klɒk/

3 /wɒnt/

5 /'sɒri/

2 /ɡɒn/

4 /'wɒntɪd/

6 /wɒt/



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

5.2 Listen and complete the dialogues with these /ɒ/ words.



box chocolates clock doctor gone got holiday on stopped
~~what~~ what

- 1 A: What time is it?
B: I don't know. The 's
2 A: have you?
B: A of
3 A: Where's the?
B: He's



What time is it?

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

5.3 Write the underlined verbs in the past tense.

EXAMPLE

We buy everything at the supermarket.

→ We bought everything at the supermarket.

1 I think about you every day.

→ I about you every day.

2 We always walk home from school.

→ We always home from school.

3 I catch the first bus in the morning.

→ I the first bus in the morning.

4 My daughter teaches English.

→ My daughter English.



Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

5.4 Write the names of the things in the picture. (They all have /ɒ/ or /ɔ:/.)

EXAMPLE 1 bottle

Check with the Key.



5.5 Listen and write the missing /ɒ/ and /ɔ:/ words.



This is our kitchen. On the table there's a big full of shopping, a of wine and some and pepper. There's a on the and the 's asleep in the corner behind the

Check with the Key. Then listen and speak together with the recording.

5.6 Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If any of these are difficult for you, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for more practice.



1 not / note (⇒ sound pair 11)

4 shot / short (⇒ sound pair 13)

2 luck / lock (⇒ sound pair 10)

5 walk / work (⇒ sound pair 14)

3 coat / caught (⇒ sound pair 12)