

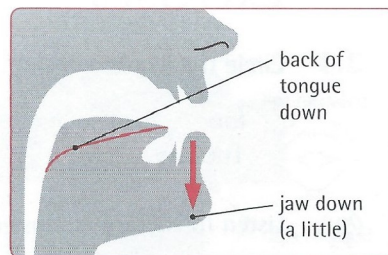
# Father and mother

## /ɑ:/ and /ʌ/

## A

### How to make the sound /ɑ:/

- A24a • /ɑ:/ is a long sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and then say the sound. Open your mouth wide. Target sound: /ɑ:/



## B

### Sound and spelling

- A24b • /ɑ:/ is usually spelled a or ar. Listen and say these words.  
after afternoon ask answer bath bathroom can't class dance fast  
father glass tomato bar car card far park star start

- A24c • Listen and say these other words with /ɑ:/.  
aunt laugh heart half (The letter l in half is silent.)

- A24d • Listen and say these sentences.  
1 How far's the car park?  
2 We went to a large bar full of film stars.  
3 We're starting in half an hour.

- A24e • In words with a letter r after the /ɑ:/ sound, most Americans and some British people pronounce the r. Listen to the same sentences, this time with the letter rs pronounced.

- Some people, especially in the north of England, pronounce the letters a or au as /æ/ in some of these words. Listen.

after afternoon ask answer aunt bath bathroom class dance fast glass laugh

Important for listening

- A24g Listen to these sentences, first with /ɑ:/, then with /æ/.  
1 See you tomorrow afternoon. 3 We were laughing and dancing in the classroom.  
2 I'll ask my aunt. 4 I left my glasses in the bathroom.

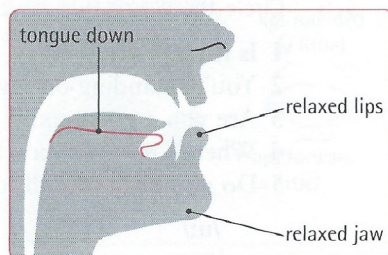


Note: The name of the letter R is pronounced /ɑ:/ or /ɑ:r/.  
Note: The word are is often pronounced /ɑ:/ or /ɑ:r/. (See Unit 40.)

## C

### How to make the sound /ʌ/

- A25a • /ʌ/ is a short sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and then say the sound. Open your mouth wide. Target sound: /ʌ/



## D

### Sound and spelling

- A25b • /ʌ/ is usually spelled u, but sometimes ou or o. Listen and say these words.  
bus colour come cup front London luck Monday month mother  
much nothing number run study sun uncle under



Note: The words son and sun have the same pronunciation.  
Note: The number one is pronounced /wʌn/.

- A25c • Listen and say these sentences.  
1 Good luck with your exam next month!  
2 Take the number one bus.  
3 I said 'Come on Monday', not 'Come on Sunday'.  
4 My brother's studying in London.

Important for listening

Some people, especially in the north of England, say /u/ instead of /ʌ/. Listen to the same sentences, this time with /u/.



## Exercises

### 4.1 Listen and write the words in the correct column.

A26

artist garden March part square talk warm watch

words with /ɑ:/

artist

words with other vowel sounds

square

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

### 4.2 Listen and write the words in the correct column.

A27

business country fun home lots money mother push

words with /ʌ/

country

words with other vowel sounds

business

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

### 4.3 Complete the sentences with one /ɑ:/ word and one /ʌ/ word.

butter carpet dark hard husband love Prague son

- 1 The butter's too .....
- 2 I'd ..... to buy that .....!
- 3 Their ..... 's got ..... hair.
- 4 I first met my ..... in .....



A28

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

### 4.4 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.

A29

- 1 heart / hat (⇒ sound pair 7)
- 2 far / four (⇒ sound pair 8)
- 3 cat / cut (⇒ sound pair 9)
- 4 look / luck (⇒ sound pair 5)
- 5 luck / lock (⇒ sound pair 10)
- 6 butter / better (⇒ sound pair 18)