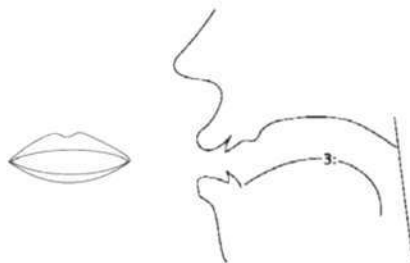


Lesson 5: The [ɜ:] sound as in "third"

Speech organs position:

Relaxed lips, jaw half-open and the centre of the tongue just slightly rising.

[ɜ: ɜ: ɜ:]



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Words

Listen and repeat. Look at the mouth diagram to help you position your lips, tongue and jaw for the target sound.

Spelling variations for the [ɜ:] sound	Highlighted bold letters pronounced as [ɜ:]
er	perjury, commercial, were , verse, infernal
ir	shirt, first , stir, girl, Sir, bird
ear	yearn, earn , pearl
ur	urge , occur, urm uring, bur den, furn ace, burn
or	work , worse , world , word

A14

Sentences

Listen and repeat. Read each sentence aloud slowly at first, then as if you were telling it to someone in a natural way.

- The **girls** in **purple** shirts **were** **urged** not to disturb **Sir** Cuthbert.
- This **purple** **shirt** is the **worst** in the **world**! I have no **words**!
- We **were** **working** in the **World** Bank at **first**; then we **were** transferred to the Commercial Chambers in **Perth**.
- My boyfriend is a **perfect** **nerd** who makes his **earnings** when everyone else is yawning.
- The **girl** **heard** that she came **third** in the **World** Championships as a **hurdler**.
- Ursula** **observed** that the boy wore a **dirty** **purple** jersey.

A15

Verses

Listen and copy the intonation and voice modulation on the CD.

When I was a lad I **served** a **term**
As office boy to an **Attorney's** **firm**.

The rich **attorney** was good as his **word**;
And every day my voice was **heard**
At the Sessions or Ancient Bailey.



Additional exercises:

A: Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often use when speaking English. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

B: Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often hear on TV, radio or from your friends/colleagues. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____