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ENGLISH PHONETICS

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Lesson 04

/a:/ & /ʌ/

Listen to the words.

cart

cut

Review the sounds.



/a:/

/ʌ/

/a:/

Differentiate the sounds.

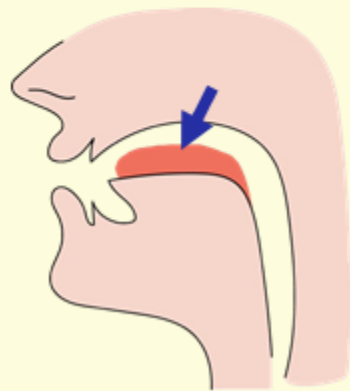
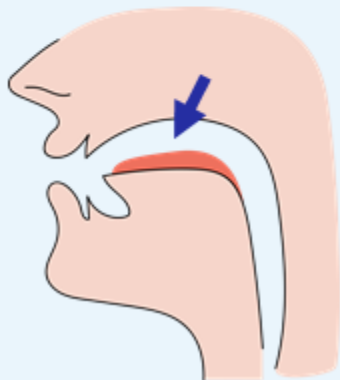
/ʌ/

long vowel sound

short vowel sound

tongue is at the back
of the mouth

tongue is in the middle
of the mouth



/a:/

Listen, repeat, and then read.

barn
carp
heart
dark
calm

/ʌ/

bun
cup
hut
duck
come

Listen, repeat, and then read.

walk under the sun

couples in the park

must go to the bar

cut the dark red card



Listen, repeat, and then read.

Calm will come again.

The duck quacked in the dark.

I left my delicious bun in the barn.

We sleep in the hut with joyful hearts.



Listen and tick (✓) all words with the /a:/ sound.

start

club

art

dad

lack

spa

arm

market

such

Listen and tick (✓) all words with the /ʌ/ sound.

bark

bus

just

father

funny

look

plus

art

public

Listen, repeat, and identify if the word has an /a:/ sound or /ʌ/ sound.

1 shark

2 month

3 color

4 hard

5 butter

6 honey

7 plaza

8 guard

Listen and choose the correct word for each sentence.

- 1 The _____ (heart, hut) is on the left side of our body.
- 2 She ate fried _____ (carp, cup) for lunch.
- 3 He _____ (cart, cut) the carrots into thin slices.
- 4 The push_____ (cart, cut) is full of groceries.
- 5 He made the _____ (shot, shut) in the last 3 seconds.

Listen and do the pronunciation tip.



AH-HAH! vs UH-HUH!

'Ah-hah!' is said with the /ɑ:/ sound. It is used when you find something. Try it!

'Uh-huh!' is said with the /ʌ/ sound. It is used when you agree with what someone has just said. Try it!



TONGUE TWISTER!

Father parked his car
under a star near a
bubble gum store.

WELL DONE!

Sounds:

/a:/ & /ʌ/