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# ENGLISH PHONETICS

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## Lesson 20

*/ʌ/ & /ɔ:/*

Listen to the words.

**spot**

**sport**

Review the sounds.



/v/

/c/

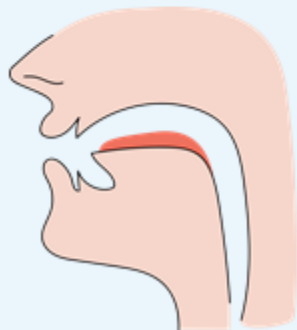
**/ʌ/**

**Differentiate the sounds.**

**/ɛ:/**

short sound

the tongue is in a  
neutral position



long sound

the tongue is slightly  
higher in the mouth



/ɒ/

Listen, repeat, and then read.

pot  
cod  
shot  
swan  
cot

/ɔː/

port  
cord  
short  
sworn  
caught

Listen, repeat, and then read.

not a golden fork

got some popcorn

in the cot at dawn

caught a naughty fox



Listen, repeat, and then read.

The cot caught fire.

Use a cord to tie the cod.

The shop in the port sells pots.

His shot fell short of the target.



**Match the words to form minimal pairs.**

cod



shot



pot



swan



sworn



port



cord



short





Listen, repeat, and identify if the word has an /ɒ/ sound or /ɔ:/ sound.

1 court

2 rock

3 warn

4 frog

5 cork

6 sort

7 horse

8 wand

## Listen and choose the correct word for each sentence.

- 1 My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (cot, caught) a big fish.
- 2 The kids got really \_\_\_\_\_ (bod, bored).
- 3 The team gave it their best (shot, short).
- 4 Many \_\_\_\_\_ (pots, ports) were broken.
- 5 She \_\_\_\_\_ (was, wars) absent yesterday.

Listen to the pronunciation trivia.



## In American English!

The **/ɒ/** sound is mainly used in British English. American speakers use the **/ɑ:/** sound instead. In addition, the **/ɔ:/** sound is only used in American English when the letter 'o' is before 'r'.



# TONGUE TWISTER!

Bob bought a box of  
blocks and got caught  
by the cops.

**WELL DONE!**

**Sounds:**

***/ʌ/ & /ɔ:/***