

Lesson 18: BUN BULL BOON The vowel sounds /ʌ/ /ʊ/ and /u:/

A) The vowel sound /ʌ/

It's a short vowel sound. For this sound, the tongue is down and the lips and jaw are in a relaxed position.

Examples: bun, son, luck, does, one

Uncle Munch has got ine young son called Sonny.

B) The vowel sound /ʊ/

It's a short vowel sound. For this sound, the back of the tongue is up, the lips are a little rounded , the lips are a little forward ans the jaw is a little up.

Examples: full, look, foot, put, good

Don't put your foot on the good cook book!

C) The vowel sound /u:/

It's a long vowel sound. For this sound, the back of the tongue is up, the lips are rounded, the lips are forward and the jaw is up.

Examples: fool, stool, soup, new, lose

Susan knew few tunes on the flute.

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with one word from the list

brother - moon - juice - month - June - full - boot - put - son - good

- 1) The/ʌ/ after/u:/ is July.
- 2) 2 things you can/ʊ/ on a foot are a shoe and a/u:/
- 3) There is a/ʊ//u:/ every month.
- 4) Fruit/u:/ is very/ʊ/ for your health.
- 5) My mother's youngest/ʌ/ is my/ʌ/

Exercise 2: Which word is pronounced differently?

- 1) soon book boot room
- 2) south young couple won
- 3) foot look blood push
- 4) pull full put rule
- 5) school two food wood