

LESSON NOTE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEK 3

SUBJECT: English Language
TOPIC: Speech sound: vowels /ɔ/ and /ɔ:/
CLASS: JS1
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DESCRIPTION OF THE /ɔ / SOUND

When you say the /ɔ / sound, the front of your tongue is down (it is low inside the mouth) but the back of your tongue is raised. Your mouth is open and your lips are slightly rounded and pushed forward. /ɔ / is a short vowel.

SPELING THE /ɔ/ SOUND

The /ɔ / sound can be spelt in different ways in English.

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|------|------|----------|---------|--------------------|
| O | a | ua | au | unusual |
| Pot | was | quality | laurel | cough |
| Lost | want | quantity | because | know <u>l</u> edge |
| Cot | wash | qualify | sausage | |

DESCRIPTION OF THE /ɔ:/ SOUND

When you say the /ɔ:/ sound, the front of your tongue is down (that is, it is low inside the mouth), it is the same position as for the sound /ɔ /. But the back of your tongue is higher inside your mouth than when you say the sound /ɔ/. Your mouth is more rounded and pushed forward. Your jaw is down when you say the /ɔ:/ sound. /ɔ:/ is a long vowel sound.

SPELLING THE /ɔ:/ SOUND

The /ɔ:/ sound can be spelled in various ways in the English Language.

| a | al | Ough | ar | au | aw | our | oa | oar | or | oor | ore | unsual |
|------|-------|---------|---------|-------|------|-------|--------|----------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Call | Talk | Thought | Quarter | maul | Saw | pour | Broad | Board | Lord | Door | Fore | Sword |
| Mall | Chalk | Fought | Warn | Taunt | Lawn | Four | abroad | Roar | Horn | floor | Store | George |
| tall | walk | Ought | war | Cause | law | Gourd | | Hoarding | port | poor | ore | |

SOUND CONTRAST

| /ɔ:/ | | /ɔ/ | |
|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Cord | /kɔ:d/ | Cod | /kɒd/ |
| Port | /pɔ:t/ | Pot | /pɒt/ |
| Naught | /nɔ:t/ | Not | /nɒt/ |
| Sport | /spɔ:t/ | Spot | /spɒt/ |

HOMEWORK

Answer the question on page 55, exercise I of your New Concept English Language text book.