

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.

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.