



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**
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ʌ & ɑ



SECTION 3 CLASS 6

**FINALLY FIGURE OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CUP AND COP WITH THESE TWO SOUNDS**

a Words spelled with an A

calm, palm, schwa, squad, squash, swamp, wash, watch, yacht, almond, drama, father, garage, lava, mama, papa, massage, pasta, swallow, waffle, wallet, camouflage, iguana, karate, quality, quantity, renaissance, safari, Washington

a Words spelled with an O

block, blond, bomb, boss, bronze, chop, clock, con, cop, cost, cross, dodge, dog, doll dot, drop, floss, frost, God, golf, gone, gone, hot, job, jog, knock, knot, loft, long, lost, lot, mock, nod, not, odd, off, on, plot, pop, pot, prop, rob, rock, shock, shop, shot, sob, sock, soft, solve, song, stop, strong, top, wrong

across, adopt, along, belong, beyond, body, bother, bottle, bottom, chaos, chronic, closet, coffee, comic, comma, common, concept, concert, conflict, conscious, contact, contract, costume, cotton, coupon, doctor, dollar, dolphin, evolve, forgot, fossil, goggle, gossip, hobby, honest, icon, involve, knowledge, loge, lobster, model, modern, monster, nonsense, novel, object, offer, office, often, option, pocket, polish, problem, product, progress, project, promise, proper, respond, solid, sorry, toxic, upon, vodka, volume

accommodate, accomplish, acknowledge, agnostic, alcohol, anonymous, apologize, biography, biology, broccoli, chocolate, cinematography, choreography, comedy, commentary, competition, complicated, complement, compromise, concentrate, connotation, consultation, controversy, conversation, democracy, dialogue, document, dominant, economy, Hollywood, hospital, insomnia, ironic, lottery, monitor, monologue, obnoxious, obstacle, obvious, octopus, opera, opposite, popular, poverty, probably, symbolic, synopsis, thermometer, volunteer



Sentences with a

Robert stopped by the modern office.

Rabert stapped by the madern affice.

The hospital will probably charge us the cost.

The haspital will prably charge us the cast.

Our conversation got controversial after three vodka tonics.

Our canversation gat cantroversial after three vadka tanics.

My boss forgot to respond to me.

My bass forgot to resband to me.

Stop singing that opera song please.

Stap singing that apera sang please.

I knocked on Robert's frosty door.

I knacked on Rabert's frasty door.

I am not competent in Microsoft office; it's too complicated.

I am nat campetent in Microsoft affice; it's too camplicated.

This monologue is a popular option for comedy.

This manologue is a papular aption for camedy.

I'm sorry I didn't respond about the holiday office party.

I'm sarry I didn't resband about the haliday affice party.



ʌ (uh) vs ɑ (ah)

bus boss
lust lost
rough rock
cup cop
sucks socks
come comment
tummy Tommy
fun fond
nut not

Sentences using ʌ and ɑ

Don and Summer were almost done with the robot project.
Dan and Sɑmmer were almost dɑn with the robɑt project.

These summer socks suck in winter frost.
These sɑmmer sɑcks sɑck in winter frɑst.

Stop interrupting our discussion about budgeting.
Stɑp interrɑpting ɑr discʌssən əbɑut bʌdʒəting.

Collin was productive and made a prompt response.
Cɑllin wɑs prədʌctive ænd mɑde ə prɑmpt rɛəpɑnsɪ.

ɑ, ʌ, æ

dog // done // dad
long // lung // last
off // under // after
cot // come // cat
talk // tuck // tack



ɔ = ɑ with lip rounding

Don't FATHER and FAWN use different sounds?

Yes, but it is not NEARLY as distinct as you would think. The vowel sound in "fawn" is the same as the regular ɑ (ah) sound, except the lips are a little more shaped to an O. American Regionalisms make this more or less distinct. For our purposes, you can treat the following just like the ɑ (ah).

How it's spelled:

aw: awesome, draw, jaw, yawn, lawn, awkward, strawberry

al: already, alright, almost, ball, wallet, walk, small, alternative

au: Audrey, audition, caught, August, daughter, laundry, authentic

oad: broad, Broadway, abroad, broadcast

ought: bought, brought, thought, fought

Less common spellings:

ow: knowledge, acknowledge

Sentences:

The authentic strawberry sauce is almost ready.

The ɔthentic stroberry sɔs is ɔlmost ready.

Audrey's tall daughter has already been on Broadway.

ɔdrey's toll dɔdɔder has ɔlready been on Brɔɔdway.

We brought applause from all in the audience.

We brɔt apɔlɔz from ɔll in the ɔɔɔdience.

I have been wrong all along.

I have been wrong ɔll along.