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Make the sound

Vowel grid reference: 3

This vowel is long.



- 1 Relax your tongue and allow the tip to rest just behind your bottom front teeth.
- 2 The back of the tongue is very high for this sound.

When do I use this sound?



Spelling rule	Word example
u .	nude, tuna, glue
eau	beauty
0	do, movie, shoe
00	food, smooth
ou	youth
ew	new, few
ui	juice, bruise

Now try it!



Say each of these words and sentences aloud. Then compare your pronunciation with the model on tracks 119–121.

two you

rude

tube

school beautiful

amusing

m<u>ou</u>sse moody m<u>o</u>ve stew fr<u>ui</u>t gr<u>ew</u>

B 1 The cruise ship had a movie theatre and excellent food.

2 By June the tulips were blooming beautifully.

truth

3 The new school was truly super.

C Moose

The moose is a huge and beautiful animal. They like cold climates, so countries that have moose include Russia, the United States and Canada. In terms of food, they don't eat meat, and prefer to chew on plants and vegetables. Male moose usually have two large antlers on their heads (which they lose before the winter). They are excellent swimmers, and are often found in pools, keeping cool. The main natural threats to moose are wolves and bears. The newest threat is humans whose cars collide with moose, often leaving them seriously wounded.

Am I doing something wrong?



Making the same vowel sound in the words GOOSE and FOOT.

Round your lips more, pushing them forward a little and raising the back of the tongue more.

Look on the *Vowel positioning diagram* (page 53) and compare the shapes of these vowels. The GOOSE vowel sound is also longer than the FOOT vowel sound.

Go to the exercises in the Am I doing something wrong? section of $\ensuremath{/} \upsilon /$ FOOT (see page 70) to work on this.

Watch the DVD to see and hear the difference between the two sounds.

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