

ʊ and u: (full and fool) pronunciation

Southern British English (RP)

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i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ	
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ
æ	ʌ	a:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w j

ʊ words

spelling	
o or oo	good, book, cook, crook, look, hook, shook, stood, understood, foot, took, mistook, wool, wolf, woman, oops, whoops, chinook
ou	could, would, should
u	bull, bullet, bush, cushion, pull, push, put

u: words

spelling	
ew	new, knew, blew, brew, screw, chew, crew, drew, dew, Jew
o, oe, o-e	to, two, do, who, shoe, lose, whose
oo	too, choose, boot, fool, cool, loose, moon, pool, root, mood, brood, loo, poo, boo!
ou	you, soup, through, route
u, ue, u-e	blue, flu, Luke, cute, due, duke, Sue, Susan, Suzanne, Tuesday, June, queue
ui	fruit, suit, suitcase, suitable, juice, cruise

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Try these sound pairs:

ʊ	u:
soot	suit
would/wood	woed
should	shoed
full	fool
look	Luke
pull	pool
pulled	pooled
pulling	pooling
could	coed
pulls	pools

ʊ sentences

Oops! I took the wrong book.
He stood on my foot.

ʊ and u: mixed sentences:

This room is full of fools.
Should I shoot the bull soon?
Susan's beetroot soup is very good.
The wolf took the food to the wood.
Could I book a room for two on Tuesday?
Look at Luke with his new look and cool, blue shoes.
The Duke cooked some beetroot soup.
Louis took off his blue shoes and put his foot in the pool.
The New Zealand cruise took us through Cook Strait.
A 'blue moon' is the second of two full moons in one month.

u: sentences

Who do you think you are, you fool?
You can choose a fruit smoothy or a fruit juice.

Check the sounds:

This rʊm is fʊll of fʊls.
Shʊd I shu:t the bʊll su:n?
Susan's beetru:t su:p is very gʊd.
The wʊf tʊk the fʊ:d to the wʊd.
Cʊd I bʊk a rʊm for tu: on Tu:sday?
Lʊk at Lu:ke, with his nu: ʊk and cu::l, blu: shu:s.
The Du:ke cʊked some beetrʊt su:p.
Lu:is tʊk off his blu: shu:s and pʊt his fʊt in the pʊ.
The Nu: Zealand cru:se tʊk us thru: Cʊk Strait.
A 'blu: mu:n' is the second of tu: fʊll mu:ns in one month.