

Tape Script - PR 11.1

Script-A and Open-O /ɑ/ ~ /ɔ/ (*cot* ~ *boss*) vs O Double-U /ow/ (*bone*)
(old symbols: Short O -o- and Short Back O -ô- vs Long O -ō-)

Note: This recording focuses on the sound of Open-O in contrast with O Double-U. However, all Open-O words may be pronounced acceptably with Script-A.

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PR Tape 11.1 Listening practice for the vowel sounds -ô- -- short back o (/ɔ/ Open-O) and -ō- -- long o (/ow/ O Double-U).

Part 1: Listen to the pairs of words. The first word in each pair has the -ô- sound (/ɔ/ Open-O) – the same sound you hear in *saw*. The second word in each pair has the -ō- sound (/ow/ O Double-U) – the same sound you hear in *go*. Listen:

law - low	clause - close
hall - hole	bought - boat
called - cold	cost - coast

Part 2: Tell which column each word goes in. Words with -ô- (/ɔ/) go in column 1; words with -ō- (/ow/) go in column 2. *Law* is in column 1; *low* is in column 2. Say "1" or "2". Begin:

Column 1	Column 2
law	low

Part 3: Tell which column each sentence goes in. Sentences with -ô- (/ɔ/) go in column 1; sentences with -ō- (/ow/) go in column 2. *The ball is on the table* is in column 1; *The bowl is on the table* is in column 2. Say "1" or "2". Begin:

Column 1	Column 2
The ball is on the table.	The bowl is on the table.

This is the end of PR Tape 11.1.

(Please wait - the second part of the tape follows a long delay)

PR 11.1-C Pronunciation practice for the vowel sounds -ô- -- short back o (/ɔ/ Open-O) and -ō- -- long o (/ow/ O Double-U).

Part 1: Repeat:

long
story
a long story
author
wrote
The author wrote a long story.
daughter
The author wrote a long story about his daughter.

bought
sofa
They bought the new sofa.
small
store
a small store
mall
a small store in the mall
They bought the new sofa at a small store in the mall.

ought
smoking
He ought to stop smoking.
told
thought
I told him I thought
I told him I thought he ought to stop smoking.

Part 2: Repeat the phrases in the box:

sews cloth	mows the lawn
knows the law	throws a ball
calls the roll	applauds after a show
always tells jokes	helps with long-distance phone calls

Now say the phrase from the box which matches each occupation you hear.

Begin:

attorney
pitcher
teacher
operator

gardener
audience
comedian
tailor

Part 3: Repeat the phrases:

call home every week
stop smoking in the hall
avoid walking home alone
walk more carefully when it snows
tell him you've caught a bad cold
always say "Hello" to everyone in your office
go to the teacher's office and talk to her there

Now, choose advice from that box for each situation you hear. Say a complete sentence beginning with "you ought to." Begin:

Every day between classes some teacher yells at me for smoking.

I need to talk to the teacher about a problem, but there are always too many people around her after class.

My mother always worries when she doesn't hear from me often, but I just hate writing letters.

Every time it snows I fall down and get hurt.

The people in my office think I'm not friendly enough.

A very strange man keeps following me when I'm walking home at night.

A guy in my class asked me to go to the football game, and I really don't want to go because I hate football.

This is the end of PR Tape 11.1-C.