

## Tape Script - PR 7.2

Script-A and Open-O /ɑ/ ~/ɔ/ (*cot* ~ *boss*) vs Caret /ʌ/ (*custom*)  
(old symbols: Short O -o- and Short Back O -ô- vs Short U -u-)

**Note: This recording focuses on the sound of Script-A. However, all Script-A words, except those spelled ar# (e.g. *car*), arC (e.g. *card*), may be pronounced acceptably with Open-O.**

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### PR Tape 7.2 Listening practice for the vowel sounds -o- -- short o (/ɑ/ Script A) and -u- -- short u (/ʌ/ Caret).

*Part 1:* Listen to the pairs of words. The first word in each pair has the -o- sound (/ɑ/ Script A) – the same sound you hear in *hot*. The second word in each pair has the -u- sound (/ʌ/ Caret) – the same sound you hear in *bus*. Listen

not - nut	doll - dull
lock - luck	robber - rubber
cop - cup	wander - wonder
rob - rub	collar - color

*Part 2:* Tell which column each word goes in. Words with the -o- (/ɑ/) go in column 1; words with the -u- (/ʌ/) go in column 2. *Not* is in column 1; *nut* is in column 2. Say "1" or "2". Begin:

Column 1	Column 2
not	nut

*Part 3:* Tell which column each sentence goes in. Sentences with -o- (/ɑ/) go in column 1; sentences with -u- (/ʌ/) go in column 2. *Who shot it?* is in column 1; *Who shut it?* is in column 2. Say "1" or "2". Begin:

Column 1	Column 2
Who shot it?	Who shut it?

This is the end of PR Tape 7.2.

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

**PR 7.2-C Pronunciation practice for the vowel sounds -o- -- short o (/ɑ/ Script A) and -u- -- short u (/ʌ/ Caret).**

*Part 1:* Repeat:

trouble  
lot  
a lot of trouble  
brother  
got  
My brother got himself in a lot of trouble.

much  
stop  
Stop worrying so much.  
must  
You must stop worrying so much  
problems  
You must stop worrying so much about your problems.

some  
money  
some money  
borrow  
I need to borrow some money.  
couple  
dollars  
a couple of dollars  
enough  
A couple of dollars should be enough  
I need to borrow some money – a couple of dollars should be enough.

*Part 2:* Repeat the words in the box:

topic	bother	funny	upset
comic	dishonest	number	corrupt
comprehend	quantity	subject	understand
modern	prosperity	success	up-to-date

Now say **two words** from the box which are synonyms. Repeat each word you hear and add the synonym.

Example: topic            “topic and subject”

Begin:

topic  
comic  
comprehend  
modern  
bother  
dishonest  
quantity  
prosperity

*Part 3:* Repeat the sentences in the box:

I want to deposit a hundred dollars.  
I want a hot dog with mustard and onions.  
I've just got to have more money, or I'll have to find another job.  
This drug from the doctor at the hospital makes me feel funny.  
I'm having some problems finding enough information on my research topic.  
Something's wrong with my car – it's just impossible to start.  
I bumped the car in front of me because it stopped too suddenly.  
I had a lot of trouble with the test because I forgot about it and didn't study.

Now, say the sentence from that box which you could say to each kind of person you hear. Begin

waitress  
bank teller  
pharmacist  
mechanic  
librarian  
employer  
policeman  
teacher

This is the end of PR Tape 7.2-C.