

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PRONUNCIATION AND OF YOUR SPELLING. LEARN A FEW BASICS

Tip one

I) Spelling-to-sound : (a, u) graphemes and related a sounds

IN WORDS SPELT WITH AN (A)!!!!, the pronunciation is never /ʌ/!!!!,

(a) is often sounded:			There are other possibilities:				
/æ/	/ɑ:/	/ə/	/ɛ/	/ɔ:/	/ɒ/	/eɪ/	/ɪ/
black cat catch fat	ɑ farm-cart a larva ɑ shark large	a ago among allow	Square Any said	watch warm war	what	play	village

II) Sound to spelling: (a, u) graphemes and related a sounds

Note: symbols in bars in red are phonemes or sounds

Symbols in brackets in green are graphemes or letters

/æ/ Spellings (bad, stand, apple),	Sound	Grapheme (s)	Common examples	/ʌ/ Spellings (u, ou, o)
	/ɑ:/	(ar+C, alf, alm)	father, cart, park	
a black cat catching a fat rat a battler	ɑ farm-cart a larva ɑ shark large	(arC)		a cup /ə 'kʌp/ a butler (u)
	Calf /kɑ:f/ Half /hɑ:f/	(alf)		a country cousin (ou)
	Calm /kɑ:m/ Psalm /sɑ:m/	(alm)		lover (o)

a butler: the head servant in a large house

a **battler/ a batteler**: a student at Oxford who is supplied with provisions from the buttry

It is a **larva**, /ə 'lɑ:və/ [early wingless stage of an insect] not a **lover** /ə 'lʌvə/ [one who loves or is in love]

III) TEST YOURSELF YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- 1) Identify the /æ/ /ɑ:/ /ʌ/ sounds in the following:
- 2) Find out the meaning of unknown lexical words in the following:
- 3) Translate the following into English or Galician

Double **bubble gum** bubbles double.

There was a minimum of **cinnamon** in the aluminium pan.

While we were walking, we were watching window washers wash

Washington's windows with warm washing water.

-All above submitted by ME2

Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear,

Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair.

Fuzzy wuzzy wasn't fuzzy.

Was he?

Will you be able to live through a live concert?

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

An assistant in a state of wonder

A couple drove several miles down a country road, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules and pigs, the wife sarcastically asked, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the husband replied, "In laws."

Bubble [a thin film or liquid inflated with air or gas]

Gum [a smooth hard substance]

Cinnamon [a stone]