

Pronouncing OO vowels:

These vowels are very hard to know how to pronounce because they are not always pronounced the same. There really aren't any rules about which pronunciation to use. It's just something you have to learn to hear and practice. Start by practicing these word pairs. Pay attention to where your tongue, teeth and lips go as you say each word pair.

good - food	good - mood	food - foot	soon - soot
book - brood	goo - good	do - door	door - dude
brood - blood	lose - loose	goose - good	food - feud

Circle the words in each line that have the same vowel sound as the first word in bold. Notice the different spellings that have the same sound. When the vowels sound alike, they still might not rhyme. For words to rhyme, they must have the same ending. Root and Rude have the same vowel sound, but don't rhyme because one ends in the T sound and one in the D sound.

good	mood	soon	food	wood
soon	moon	loon	shown	son
goose	juice	moose	loose	goes
blood	good	rude	should	mud
door	more	lure	roar	floor
sloop	drop	droop	slope	snoop
wood	ward	word	brood	stood
spook	boot	took	book	kook
woof	root	hoof	roof	wool
poor	pool	pure	pore	lure
school	boon	stool	loot	coop

TOEFL VOCAB— —Similar Words: Choose the correct word for the blanks. Explain the difference in meaning.

up ended or ended up

We _____ the couch and used it to barricade the doorway

We _____ going to a pub after the play.

upheld or held up

The jury _____ the minor's conviction on the drunk driving charge.

The robbers _____ the stage and took everyone's money.

outlast or last out

She was badly injured and probably won't _____ the night.

The computer will _____ the system software for it.

outrun or run out

We couldn't finish putting the packets together because we _____ of supplies

Can a cheetah _____ a mountain lion?

outbreak or break out

We improved our fence to prevent a _____ by our dogs.

There has been an _____ of the flu in Austin.

lookout or look out or outlook

The _____ for our economy is actually pretty good.

The bank robbers left a _____ outside to watch for the police.

_____, those boulders look like they may fall.

upset or set up

We went early to help the manager _____ the convention hall.

He was really _____ about missing his flight.

Discussion:

1. Would you ever take a job as a telemarketer? What other jobs would you absolutely never do?
2. Have you ever had experience running your own business? If you were going to start a business, what kind of business would it be?
3. What do you see as your best business talents? Are you a better marketer or inventor?
4. Do you think a science and technology degree is more valuable than a business and marketing degree?
5. To what extent did your parents influence your career choice? Was that a good thing or bad?
6. What do you think is the biggest failure of modern companies? Is there a niche market that no company is addressing?
7. Do you prefer the academic world to the business world? Why?
8. Would you take a job that required you to travel internationally?
9. Would you take a job that required you to sit at a desk all day?
10. Describe your dream job.