

Answers for /əʊ/ and /ɒ/ Exercises

1. Write the words in the correct column and underline the target sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (5a) and practice saying the words.

/əʊ/ sound	/ɒ/ sound
bowling, nose, phone, coat, rose, boat, bone	clock, box, hot dog, socks, watch



2. Write the correct number above the words in blue. Does the word contain the sound 1 /əʊ/ or 2 /ɒ/? Listen to the MP3 (5b) and write which sound you hear. Underline the part of the word with this sound.

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 Most experts consider electric cars to be the future of the motor industry: they are clean, quiet, and can be recharged at home. On the other hand, a lot of people say that the battery life will be too short, recharging will take a long time, and the cars will be slow. One thing is for sure: we need to find another way to power our cars, because petrol is producing too much pollution.

3. Listen to the MP3 (5c) and circle which word you hear.

- a) note not
- b) bloated blotted
- c) Joan John
- d) woes was
- e) toad Todd

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the passage in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the two target sounds you studied?

