

New sound: oo

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Lesson 73 of 92 (ages 3-6) / 67 of 86 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /oo/ when they see "oo", and hear it in words like moon.

WHY IT MATTERS

"oo" is 2 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like moon, food, zoo.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "u_e", "oa", "igh" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY | *"What sound is this? And this one?"*

2 min

Listen

Play /oo/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY | *"This is /oo/. Watch my mouth: small round mouth, long 'oo'."*

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "oo" and the action: Move head as if watching a cuckoo clock saying oo-oo-oo. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY | *"When I see oo, I say /oo/. moon: /oo/ moon!"*
"Two letters, one sound. They're best friends: they always stick together."

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /oo/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: moon, food, zoo, tool, cool, boot.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /oo/ and tap its letters.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY | *"Can you show Grandma our new sound?"*

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-oo
- **Printable: Vowel Teams Worksheet — OO Family (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/vowel-teams-worksheet-oo-family
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **The “oo” sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/oo
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /oo/ (as in moon)	oo, u_e, oa	oo	☐
2	Say /u_e/ (as in cube)	u_e, oo, oa	u_e	☐
3	Say /oa/	oa, o, oo	oa	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

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| Says the sound too quickly to hear. | -> /oo/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, ooooooooo, then let go. |
| Reads the letters one by one (o-o). | -> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound". |
| Mixes up /ool/ and /ool/. | -> Same letters, two sounds — long and tight in "moon", short and relaxed in "book". |

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Read these words and then write two of them from memory: moon, food, zoo, tool, cool, boot.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /oo/ when shown "oo".
- ☐ Hears /oo/ in a word you say (moon).
- ☐ Writes "oo" as one sound unit.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____