

**T A S K 1** Distinguish between /əʊ/ and /ɔ:/**1.1** Listen, and practise the difference.

low	law	toe	tore
Joe	jaw	tone	torn
yoke, yolk	York	snow	snore
boat	bought	hole	hall
cold	called	sew, sow	saw
bowl	ball	show	shore

**1.2** Listen to the words on the cassette.  
Write the words you hear.**1.3** Listen to the sentences on the cassette.  
For each one, write the word you hear.

- 1 The hole/hall is enormous.
- 2 I think your bowl/ball is in the kitchen.
- 3 The coal/call was delayed.
- 4 We're going to the show/shore next week.

**T A S K 2** Say /əʊ/**2.1a** Listen to this airline pilot, and practise what he says.

Hello, this is Captain Oates speaking. Below us is the coast of Italy. We are very close to Rome – the road below us goes from Rome to the coast. We shall fly over the city before landing. Please obey the NO SMOKING notices.

**2.1b** Complete this extract from an airline magazine, and read it aloud.

One of the most popular destinations is the Holy City, \_\_\_\_\_. Overseas Airways planes approach \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Italy, and fly \_\_\_\_\_ the city before landing.

**S P E L L I N G**

/əʊ/ home

*Common:*ALL o at the end of words:  
so, agoMOST o with final e:  
home, toeSOME o in the middle of words:  
cold, both

MOST oa boat, coast

*Less common:*ow low  
ou shoulder

/ɔ:/ saw


*Common:*MOST or horse  
MOST oar board  
ALL aw saw, lawn

MOST au daughter

*Less common:*a all, water  
ar (after w, qu):  
warm, quarter  
oor door, floor  
our four, court  
ough + consonant:  
bought

 **2.2a Listen, and practise this conversation.**

- A: Could you go and post this letter, please?  
 B: I can't go out. It's snowing, and I've got a cold.  
 A: Blow your nose, and put your coat on. You'll be OK.  
 B: I'll get frozen.  
 A: Only if you go slowly. Walk quickly.  
 B: I can't walk quickly. The ground is frozen. It's like the South Pole.  
 A: Oh, stop moaning. I'll go.

 **2.2b Listen again to some of B's statements. He is making strong, definite statements, and his voice falls.**

It's ~~snowing~~.

I'll get ~~frozen~~.

Now say the following statements, with a strong falling intonation.

- I don't know where the post office is.  
 I've got a cold.  
 I haven't got a coat.  
 It's too cold.  
 The ground is frozen.

**T A S K 3** Say /ɔ:/


 **Listen, and practise this conversation.**

- A: Hello, you're Gloria, aren't you? Mr Walker's small daughter?  
 B: Yes, I'm Gloria Walker. But I'm not small any more. I'm four and three-quarters.  
 A: Yes, you are quite tall, for four and three-quarters.  
 B: I'm taller than my friend Gordon, and he's five and a quarter.  
 A: Does Gordon live next door?  
 B: No. We live at number forty, and he lives at forty-four.

**T A S K 4** Say /əʊ/ and /ɔ:/


 **4.1 Listen, and say these phrases.**

roast pork	North Pole
an open door	an awful joke
a stone wall	a small hotel
a cold hall	an important notice

-  **4.2a** Listen to the conversations on the cassette. You will hear a hotel receptionist talking to guests. As you listen, tick the correct information on the forms below.

REGISTRATION FORM	
NAME	Pauline Gordon/Paul O'Gordon
ADDRESS	4 Teencourt Road/14 Court Road Lower Wenlow/Lower Wenlaw Cornwall
ROOM	404/44

REGISTRATION FORM	
NAME	Joe Norton/Joan Orton
ADDRESS	40 Newhole Street/14 Newhall Street Coldwater/Caldwater North Yorkshire
ROOM	14/40

-  **4.2b** Practise the conversations in 4.2a. Then copy the registration form. In pairs, make your own conversations; make up a name and address from the columns below. The receptionist should fill in the form during the conversation, repeating the information.

Gordon Golding	14	Holywell Lane	Coldwater	Cornwall
Gloria Rolls	4	Hall Road	Portland	North Yorkshire
Joan Walker	44	Lower Falls Road	Golders Green	London NW4
Joe Gordon	404	Court Road	Stonewater	West Yorkshire

## FURTHER PRACTICE

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