

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

firm	farm		dirt	dart
burn	barn		hurt	heart
stir	star		birth	bath
heard	hard		purse	pass

**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 He works for a firm/farm in the north.
- 2 I've lost my purse/pass.
- 3 The first/fast train leaves at seven o'clock.
- 4 She noticed the dirt/dart in the corner.

T A S K 2 Say /ɜ:/**2.1a Listen, and practise this conversation:**

- A: I'd like to reserve a seat on the ten thirty flight to Birmingham, on Thursday. My name is Vernon.
 B: Thursday May 21st? Certainly, sir. There's a seat in the third row.
 A: That's fine. And I'm returning on May 23rd.
 B: The first flight leaves Birmingham at eight thirty.
 A: That's a bit early.
 B: Or there's twelve thirty, or four thirty.
 A: Four thirty's too late. Twelve thirty, please.
 B: On the twelve thirty flight on May 23rd, there's only a seat free in row thirteen.
 A: Row thirteen*? No, thanks. I'll go at eight thirty.

* Some people believe 13 is an unlucky number.

S P E L L I N G

/ɜ:/ bird

Common:

ALL er, ir, ur
 + *consonant*
 or *stressed at the end of words:*
 her, verb,
 prefer, fir,
 girl, first,
 fur, turn,
 church

Less common:

w + or word,
 work
our journey,
 courtesy
ear learn,
 earth

/ɑ:/ car

Common:

MOST ar artist,
 car,
 park
SOME a father,
 half

Less common:

ear heart
er sergeant,
 clerk
au aunt, laugh

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2.1b Ask and answer questions. Try to use a falling intonation on these Wh-questions.

Where is Mr Vernon **going**?

When is he **travelling**?

Which row is his **seat** in?

What **date** is he **returning**?

What **time**?

Why **doesn't** he **want** a seat on the **twelve-thirty** flight?



2.2 Listen, and practise this conversation between a driving instructor and a learner driver.

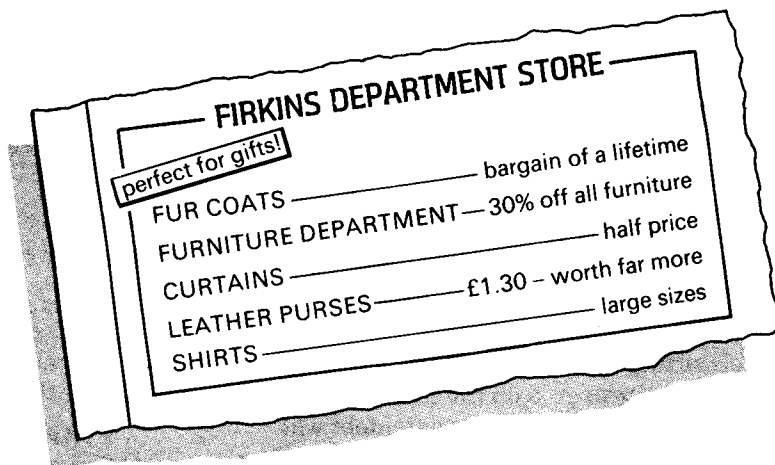
- A: Take the third turning on the right. Then stop by the church. I'd like you to reverse round that corner.
 B: Yes, I certainly need to practise reversing.
(stops and reverses)
 A: Not bad. But you weren't close enough to the kerb. Turn the steering wheel further to the left.
 B: OK. Last lesson I turned it too much, and I was too close to the kerb.
(tries again) Oh dear, that was worse.
 A: We'll return to reversing later. Now drive on. Turn right by the big fir tree.
 B: I need to learn how to do an emergency stop.
 A: Yes, when we've gone a bit further. Take the first turning – mind that little girl! Well done, that was a perfect emergency stop.

T A S K 3 Say /ɑ:/



Listen, and read out this newspaper advertisement.

BARKERS DEPARTMENT STORE
 ————— Marvellous bargains! —————
 CARPETS – half price
 CHRISTMAS CARDS – large and small
 OXFORD MARMALADE – 30p a jar
 GARDEN CHAIRS – with and without arms
 CARDBOARD PLATES – ideal for parties
 ARTISTS' MATERIALS
 TOY FARM – includes farmhouse, barn and animals

T A S K 4 Say /ɜ:/ and /ɑ:/**4.1** Listen, and read out this newspaper advertisement.**4.2a** Listen, and repeat these sentences.

Margaret Irwin is moving into a new flat soon.
 Martha Kirby is going on holiday to Siberia.
 Marcus Irving is having a party at the weekend.
 Shirley Parkes is a commercial artist.
 Carl Parker's son is five next week.
 John Darling is tall and fat.

**4.2b** Look at the articles advertised in the sales at Barkers and Firkins Department Stores in 3 and 4.1. Discuss which articles would be suitable for each of the people above.

e.g. Margaret Irwin could buy furniture for her new flat, at Firkins.

**4.3a** Listen to a news story about an accident.**4.3b** The sentences below come from the news story in 4.3a. Put them in the right order, and practise telling the story.

His father drove him to the hospital Emergency Department.
 Bernard had some fireworks.
 A nurse cleaned the dirt off the burn.
 Bernard Parker, aged thirteen, had a birthday party yesterday.
 He was badly hurt.
 But the party turned into a tragedy.
 The very first firework went off in Bernard's face.
 Then he was transferred to the Burns Unit, for surgery.