

Maze – O, OU and U pronunciation.

Starting with LOVE and finishing with NOTHING, can you connect each word in the maze with the sound /ʌ/. You can move up, down, left, right, and diagonally in any direction.

cough	young	company	love	gone	push	boss
public	hope	sound	loud	both	puke	hotel
huge	money	shoulder	would	uncle	rush	month
could	full	enough	hot	other	hop	worry
phone	trouble	huge	put	cousin	turn	tongue
nude	onion	sold	country	move	should	husband
come	fountain	south	month	lose	culture	shout
bull	study	hungry	student	ground	honey	lonely
count	bother	rude	pull	shot	mouth	nothing

When you finish, how many ways can you find to pronounce the following letters? Give an example for each.

“ou” = Usually /aʊ/ (south), but ...

“u” = Usually /ʌ/ (rush), but ...

“o” = Usually /ɒ/ (bother), but ...



Answers:

	young	company	love			
public						
	money			uncle	rush	month
		enough		other		worry
	trouble			cousin		tongue
	onion		country			husband
come			month		culture	
	study	hungry			honey	
						nothing

Pronunciation:

“ou” = Usually /aʊ/ (south) ,

but sometimes /ʌ/ (young), /ɒ/(cough) , /əʊ/ (shoulder), /ʊ/ (would).

“u” = Usually /ʌ/ (rush),

but also often /ʊ/ (push), /(j)u:/ (puke).

‘ur’ usually /ɜ:/ (turn).

“o” = Usually /ɒ/ (bother), /ʌ/ (love), or /əʊ/ (hope).

