

Exercises for /ɜ:/ and /ɔ:/

1. Moving up, down, left or right, follow the words with the /ɜ:/ sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (7a) and practice saying the words.

start →	girl	wrong	old	Japan	fantastic	hills	hospital	easy	peach	
	world	trees	interest	painter	special	total	promise	computer	king	
	third	money	peace	notice	apples	best	birthday	please	running	
	heard	working	dirty	tiger	feast	Thursday	were	turning	thirty	→ finish
	awful	afternoon	word	nurse	first	hurt	bottle	meal	float	

2. Write the correct number above the words in blue. Does the word contain the sound 1 /ɜ:/ or 2 /ɔ:/? Listen to the MP3 (7b) and write which sound you hear. Underline the part of the word with this sound.

South Korea is a fascinating country. It shares a border with North Korea, but they are completely different countries. Because of a huge war with its northern neighbour, South Korea was one of the poorest nations in the world just forty or fifty years ago. However, it is now one of the richest. It did this through educating the population, and creating enormous manufacturing industries such as electronics, automobile and shipbuilding. You've probably heard of Samsung, Hyundai and LG. These are all Korean firms.

3. Listen to the MP3 (7c) and circle which word you hear.

- a) shirt short
- b) Bert bought
- c) turn torn
- d) worm warm
- e) firm form

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?

