

## **Feedback Report**

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Lesson 5

### **Points covered in lesson**

Review of /ɑ/ /ɔ/ /ʌ/ 4/5

Pronunciation test 4/5

Intonation 4/5

### **Points to work on**

We were able to pinpoint some of the places where you still struggle with pronunciation today, so we will continue to work on those. They include:

/ʌ/ as in ‘monkey’. You often replace it with /ɑ/, so we need to continue to practice vowels.

Here’s a comparison of the two:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqcCCFptaJk>

With /u/, make sure to round your lips, and use a “ghost vowel” before l.

/ɑr/ often ends up sounding like /ɚ/, so you must drop your jaw to include the /ɑ/ first.

Make sure /z/ is smooth, with no [d] in front. You should be able to switch to /z/ from /s/ with no break.

/j/ in words like ‘year’ and ‘yield’ are another tricky one. Make sure you apply enough force to get friction in order to make the sound. Try moving your body up and down while making an /i/ to get the correct sound.

About vowel length, here is another useful video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQa9w\\_\\_GqLc&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQa9w__GqLc&t=2s)

Lastly, intonation and linking must be reviewed a bit more. Instead of individual sounds, we will turn our focus to whole sentences.