

# It is **not** adequate to just teach O as saying ǒ!

ǒ	ō	ö	ow/ou	or/wor
not	no	to	now	or
on	go	do	out	for
from	so	two	house	work
of		who	you	
	o-ver		your	
some	more		would	
oth-er			could	
			should	

One hundred English words appear in 60% of text. Twenty-six of them use an O. Only one is a CVC word (*not*). Four use a clear short-vowel sound. Out of all hundred high frequency words, only five are first sound CVC words (*not, but, can, had, him*).

A stronger foundation exposes students quickly to the 70 basic phonograms and all their common sounds. Avoid the needless confusion of “so called” rule breaker words. Think-to-spell and all will be well.