## How to pronounce the letters O and A in British English?

Click on the links, listen to the sentences_and say what pronunciation matches each word.Georgia O'Keefe was born in a little village in Wisconsin, where her father was a local farmer.
Her mother, who had wanted to become a doctor, encouraged her to become an artist.All along, her usage of colour and composition changed.
She elaborated lovely watercolours with elaborate poetry.

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## To be remembered．．．

1．Endings in－ATE have two pronunciations（both in British and American English）
［ert］pour les verbes ：＇alternate，as＇sociate［子＇sp fi ert］，＇delegate，el＇laborate，＇estimate，le＇gitimate，＇decorate， dis＇criminate，generate，＇moderate．．．
［ət］pour les noms et adjectifs ：＇alternate，an as＇sociate［ə＇sp $\left.\int \mathrm{I} ~ ə t\right]$ ，a＇delegate，el＇laborate，an＇estimate， le＇gitimate，a＇candidate，a cer＇tificate，＇chocolate，the＇climate，de＇generate，＇delicate，＇desperate，ef＇feminate， ＇moderate，passionate．．．

2．Endings in－AGE are pronounced［ $\mathbf{r}$（both in British and American English）
a＇dvantage，＇beverage（boisson），＇carriage，＇cottage，dis＇parage（dénigrer），＇garbage（ordure），＇heritage，＇hostage， ＇image，＇language，＇marriage［＇mæ rid $\not\}$ \}, 'manage, per'centage, 'sausage, 'village...
Exceptions ：sabotage［a：$孔$ \}, collage ['kv la: $z\}$ ，garage［＇gæ ra：$孔\}$ ，massage［＇mæ sa：z］

3．Sequences－ANGE－et－ASTE－are pronounced［er］（both British and American English） change，range，strange，＇danger，angel，Assange／wąste，＇toothpaste，táste，cháste，hąste．

4．The letter $A$ is pronounced［ $\mathrm{a}:]$ before a mute $L$（both in British and American English） almond［＇a：mənd］，balm［ba：m］（onction），calf［ka：f］（mollet ou veau），calm［ka：m］，half［ha：f］，palm．

5．The letter A is pronounced［ a ：］before a mute R（in British English only）：army，harmony，far，Mars．．．

6．Sequences AN＋consonant ou AS＋consonant are pronounced［a：］（in British English only＊）

| ［a：］with AN＋consonant | ［a：］with AS＋consonant | ［a：］in other cases |
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| ad＇vantage，ad＇vance，Ale＇xander， ＇answer，aunt，＇avalanche，branch， can＇t，chance，dance，de＇mand， e＇xasperate，fast，＇fasten，France， glance，glass，grant，＇Glasgow， Lance，plant，slant，trance． | ask，＇basket，＇bastard，blast，brass， cast，＇castle，clasp，class，contrast， di＇saster，grass，last，mask，mast， ＇master，násty，pąss，pa＿st，＇pla＿ster， ＇raspberry，talak，vąst． | after，ba＇nal，bath，＇craftsman， drama，＇draughtsman［＇dra：fts mən］， ＇father，photograph，＇lager，path， raft，rather，stafff，vale， |

＊except father and lager which are also pronounced［a：］in American English，all these words are pronounced with $æ$ in American English．

