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/ɑ/ is a long low back relaxed long vowel. Frequently non-native speakers make a sound that is more rounded and slightly higher in the mouth than a Canadian /ɑ/. Make sure your lips are not too rounded and your jaw is low as you practice the /ɑ/ sound.

Gloss	Odd	Knot	Star
Block	Ox	Shock	Farm-Yard
Collar	A Lot	Lock	Flaunting
Non-	Bother	Artist	Fond
Plot	On	Garden	Absconding
Hard	Martin	Tarnish	Arch Enemy
Carve	Remarkable	Shot	Scottish
Operate	Doctor	Swap	Dockworkers
Are	Tick-Tock	Wander	Bronze
Heart	Aria	Slot	Sociology
Article	Darkness	Mars	Biology

1. Tom's got a top-notch concept about what makes a star
2. The clock in the lobby is a marvel of technology
3. The blonde gun-moll had degrees in geology, anthropology and physiology
4. Doctor Spock apologized for talking about antibiotics
5. Please accept my apology for dropping the hot won-ton soup
6. The foppish politician tottered and dropped outside Chock Full o'Nuts
7. The tot looked like a blob on the cot
8. The sloppy dockworkers did not flock to the King Kong movie
9. Don't bother to stomp on the crops
10. What are the doctrines of democracy?
11. Scott robbed the house down the block of a bronze doll
12. Ronald threw a bottle into the bottom of the swamp
13. I'm fond of those bonds
14. Robin sang an odd aria
15. God created ping pong
16. Do you want to wander when you wander?

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