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| **The short u sound spelled o**  No rule – these just have to be learned, though it often happens before v, n or th  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!** | | |
| Sort ideas:  Closed sort by sound – o as in mop, o as in bone, o as in love  Challenge children to add other words  to each category |  |  |
| o as in bone  long o vowel | o as in love  short u vowel | o as in mop  short o vowel |
| some | dove | fox |
| honey | top | come |
| oven | glove | cover |
| brother | Monday | rode |
| got | home | mode |
| rock | stroke | joke |