

CHECK YOURSELF 1



Listen and circle the one word in each group of three that is pronounced with [a].
(For answers to Check Yourself 1–3, see Appendix II, pages 274–275.)

EXAMPLE

You hear not note nut
You circle ① 2 3

1. 1 2 3
2. 1 2 3
3. 1 2 3
4. 1 2 3
5. 1 2 3
6. 1 2 3
7. 1 2 3
8. 1 2 3
9. 1 2 3
10. 1 2 3

CHECK YOURSELF 2



Imagine you are a photographer for a well-known magazine. Your assignment is to photograph animals whose names contain the vowel [a]. Listen and repeat. Circle the animal names that include the vowel [a].

1. condor collie leopard llama
2. cat crocodile elephant sea otter
3. fox tiger hippopotamus dolphin
4. iguana kangaroo lobster octopus
5. parrot rhinoceros opossum lion

CHECK YOURSELF 3



Read the dialogue. Then work with a partner. Circle the words that contain the vowel [a].

Donna: Bob, I want to talk to you.

Bob: Are you all right, Donna?

Donna: Don't be alarmed. I saw Dr. Johnson at the hospital. You're going to be a father! Our new baby will be born in October.

Bob: I'm in shock. How do you feel?

Donna: I'm feeling on top of the world. I've got a list of names for the baby.

Bob: If it's a girl, let's call her Donna after her mom.

Donna: Donna is fine for a middle name. How about Connie or Barbara for her first name?

Bob: Fine. If it's a boy, we'll name him Don.