

Practice

EXERCISE A

 Listen and repeat. Notice how the syllable with the [ə] vowel receives less stress than the other syllables in the word.

[ə] At the Beginning of Words

ago upon
away contain
along asleep
amaze suppose

[ə] In the Middle of Words

agony relative
holiday seventy
company telephone
buffalo photograph

[ə] At the End of Words

soda famous
sofa lemon
zebra cousin
reason circus

[ə] Spelled

<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>u</i>
arrive	oven	liquid	occur	upon
ashamed	open	humid	obtain	suppose
asleep	cement	capital	lemon	circus
away	jacket	typical	lesson	column
signal	belief	cousin	contain	support

note

Other spellings of [ə] include *eo*, *ou*, *iou*, *io*, and *ai*.

pigeon famous delicious nation certain