

note

The schwa [ə] can occur more than once and can be represented by different letters in the same word.

president elephant accident

CHECK YOURSELF 1

Listen and circle the schwa vowel [ə] in each word. (For answers to Check Yourself 1-3, see Appendix II, page 279.)

EXAMPLE tel@graph

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| 1. alphabet | 6. prevent |
| 2. utilize | 7. imitate |
| 3. depending | 8. breakfast |
| 4. photograph | 9. control |
| 5. papa | 10. alarm |

CHECK YOURSELF 2

Read aloud each group of four words. Circle the one word in each group that does NOT contain [ə].

- EXAMPLE slipper soda finally agree
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| 1. about | oven | create | olive |
| 2. minute | second | seven | leaving |
| 3. after | attend | allow | annoy |
| 4. something | support | supply | suppose |
| 5. combine | complete | camper | compare |
| 6. Canada | Russia | Norway | Colombia |
| 7. lavender | maroon | yellow | orange |
| 8. strawberry | banana | vanilla | chocolate |
| 9. lettuce | tomato | carrot | cucumber |
| 10. giraffe | zebra | monkey | camel |