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## PRONUNCIATION FOCUS 1

### syllables, stress and /ə/

**1 A** Work in pairs. Read the tip. Then complete the table with the words in the box.

**PRONUNCIATION TIP**

Words have parts called syllables. A syllable has one vowel sound. *Bus* has one syllable, *doctor* has two syllables, *computer* has three syllables.

~~afternoon~~ digital four internet night number pizza sandwich singer Spain

| one syllable | two syllables | three syllables |
|---|---|---|
| bus | doctor | computer<br>afternoon |

**B** S1.01 | Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

**2** S1.02 | Read the tip. Then listen to words from Ex 1A. Underline the stressed syllable.

**PRONUNCIATION TIP**

One syllable in the word is stressed.

It is l o n g, LOUD and high.

doctor, computer

**3** S1.03 | Read the tip. Then listen and repeat the sound and the words.

**PRONUNCIATION TIP**

The schwa /ə/ sound is weak and is in unstressed syllables.

teacher, doctor, America
/ə/ /ə/ /ə/ /ə/

1 teacher, computer
2 doctor, information
3 America, shop assistant
4 listen, student

**4 A** Work in pairs. Look at the words in Ex 3 again and complete the tip.

**SPELLING TIP**

In words we often spell /ə/:

1 ar.....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....

**B** Work in pairs. Complete the words.

1 He's a waiter.
2 She's sev.....n.
3 It's in Pol.....nd.
4 Good aft.....noon.
5 Answ..... the question.
6 Just ..... mom.....nt.
7 It's from Br.....zil.
8 I'm a sing.....
9 No probl.....m.
10 He's .....n act.....
11 It's in Chin.....
12 I don't und.....stand.

**C** S1.04 | Listen and repeat.

## PRONUNCIATION FOCUS 2

### /s/, /z/, /ɪz/ in plurals

**5 A** Work in pairs. What are the plural forms of the words in the circles?

**A** / /
name
email
key

**B** / /
book
passport
shop

**C** / /
box
bus
sandwich

**B** S1.05 | Listen and match the plural endings (A–C) in Ex 5A with the sounds: /s/, /z/ and /ɪz/.

**C** S1.05 | Listen again and repeat.

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