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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 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 long, 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

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

SPELLING TIP

In words we often spell /ə/:

- 1 #.....
- 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 Justmom.....nt.
- 7 It's from Br.....zil.
- 8 I'm a sing.....
- 9 No probl.....m.
- 10 He'sn 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

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

<p>A / /</p> <p>name email key</p>	<p>B / /</p> <p>book passport shop</p>	<p>C / /</p> <p>box bus sandwich</p>
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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.