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## SPELLING: VOWELS IN UNSTRESSED SYLLABLES

The Schwa is the *most common* vowel sound

- Any vowel can make a schwa sound.
- It sounds like /u/ but weaker.
- It's a *lazy sound* (you hardly open your mouth).
- It's found in the *unaccented* syllable.

### LIST WORDS

- different
- register
- carnival
- variety
- atmosphere
- favorite
- pattern
- understand
- sentence
- instance
- elegant
- aquarium
- communicate
- gasoline
- factory
- definite
- Chicago
- heavily
- garage
- illustrate

ba-con  
"bacun"

cam-el  
"camul"

hus-band  
"husbund"

**Directions:** Write the words from the box that have two schwa sounds each.

- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Directions:** Choose a word from the box that best matches each clue. Write the word on the line.

- \_\_\_\_\_ what someone likes best
- \_\_\_\_\_ certain; positive
- \_\_\_\_\_ tasteful. Well-dressed; handsome
- \_\_\_\_\_ with weight
- \_\_\_\_\_ festival; fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ sign up for; record one's name
- \_\_\_\_\_ an example or a case
- \_\_\_\_\_ mass of gases surrounding a star or planet
- \_\_\_\_\_ convey your thoughts or ideas to someone else
- \_\_\_\_\_ a regular order of design
- \_\_\_\_\_ a group of different things
- \_\_\_\_\_ comprehend; grasp the meaning of
- \_\_\_\_\_ show a visual feature; picture

