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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.

**ba-con**  
"bacun"

**cam-el**  
"camul"

**hus-band**  
"husbund"

## LIST WORDS

1. different
2. register
3. carnival
4. variety
5. atmosphere
6. favorite
7. pattern
8. understand
9. sentence
10. instance
11. elegant
12. aquarium
13. communicate
14. gasoline
15. factory
16. definite
17. Chicago
18. heavily
19. garage
20. illustrate

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

