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Schwa

A schwa is a faint vowel sound usually in an unstressed syllable. Say the word 'chocolate'. Do you pronounce or articulate each syllable as strongly and as clearly as one another? The second syllable in ch^ao^al^at^ae sounds like an 'uh' sound, more than a short o sound.

★ Fun fact: compare the following again: ★

^a
PRESENT



^a
preSENT



The same word with different meaning/parts of speech may contain a schwa sound in different positions.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

Then circle the vowel in each word that contains a schwa sound.

chicken	money	turtle	cheddar
envelopes	Present	ribbon	broccoli

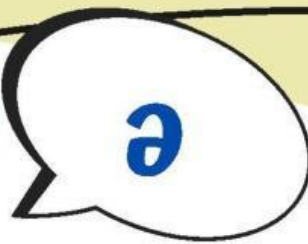


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Schwa and vowels

A schwa can be found across all vowel sounds. In other words, any vowel can make a schwa sound. We call it a lazy sound because you hardly widen or move your mouth when you utter the sound.



THINK ~ compare the two words:

arrive



alligator



These two words both begin with a letter 'a'. Which word contains a schwa sound in the first syllable?

Answer: arrive has a schwa sound.

Look at the words in the following categories. Determine if the indicated vowel in the words is a schwa. Circle the words that contain a schwa.

A

E

I

O

U

banana

elbow

animal

million

upon

apple

mitten

wizard

doctor

under

across

camel

inside

continue

suspend

antler

angel

family

total

support

answer

eleven

limit

orange

bunny

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Schwa and spelling

I like being a schwa,
because it's kind of

lazy

rarely stressed



Circle the correct spelling in each row.

and



rocket

rockit

rucket



monkey

munkey

monkiy



garbiga

girbage

garbage



dinosaur

dinasaur

dinusaur



Pandes

Pandus

Pandas



turtle

turtul

tartil



bacon

becon

bacon

