

**CHECK YOURSELF 1**

**Listen and circle the one word in each group of three that is pronounced with [a].**  
**(For answers to Check Yourself 1–3, see Appendix II, pages 274–275.)**

EXAMPLE	You hear			not	note	nut
	You circle			(1)	2	3
1.	1	2	3			
2.	1	2	3			
3.	1	2	3			
4.	1	2	3			
5.	1	2	3			
6.	1	2	3			
7.	1	2	3			
8.	1	2	3			
9.	1	2	3			
10.	1	2	3			

**CHECK YOURSELF 2**

**Imagine you are a photographer for a well-known magazine. Your assignment is to photograph animals whose names contain the vowel [a]. Listen and repeat. Circle the animal names that include the vowel [a].**

1. condor	collie	leopard	llama
2. cat	crocodile	elephant	sea otter
3. fox	tiger	hippopotamus	dolphin
4. iguana	kangaroo	lobster	octopus
5. parrot	rhinoceros	opossum	lion

**CHECK YOURSELF 3**

**Read the dialogue. Then work with a partner. Circle the words that contain the vowel [a].**

**Donna:** Bob, I want to talk to you.

**Bob:** Are you all right, Donna?

**Donna:** Don't be alarmed. I saw Dr. Johnson at the hospital. You're going to be a father! Our new baby will be born in October.

**Bob:** I'm in shock. How do you feel?

**Donna:** I'm feeling on top of the world. I've got a list of names for the baby.

**Bob:** If it's a girl, let's call her Donna after her mom.

**Donna:** Donna is fine for a middle name. How about Connie or Barbara for her first name?

**Bob:** Fine. If it's a boy, we'll name him Don.