

Practice

EXERCISE A



Listen and repeat. Notice how the syllable with the [ə] vowel receives less stress than the other syllables in the word.

[ə] At the Beginning of Words

ago	upon
away	contain
along	asleep
amaze	suppose

[ə] In the Middle of Words

agony	relative
holiday	seventy
company	telephone
buffalo	photograph

[ə] At the End of Words

soda	famous
sofa	lemon
zebra	cousin
reason	circus

[ə] Spelled

a	e	i	o	u
arrive	oven	liquid	occur	upon
ashamed	open	humid	obtain	suppose
asleep	cement	capital	lemon	circus
away	jacket	typical	lesson	column
signal	belief	cousin	contain	support

note

Other spellings of [ə] include *eo*, *ou*, *iou*, *io*, and *ai*.

pigeon famous delicious nation certain