

[ə] and [ɜ]

Listen and complete the gaps with the words you listen. The words missing have the sound [ə] (in stressed syllables).

1. [] it off
2. [] the []
3. Slow as a []
4. [] things []
5. A [] for the []
6. Left [] []
7. The [] [] catches the []
8. The [] saw the [] []
9. The [] [] []
10. Irma had [] 33rd []

Listen to the words and read them aloud. Select the ones pronounced with the unstressed [ə] sound (only with [ə]).

Example: Acre [ə]	Shirt [ɜ]	Afternoon [ə]
1. Return	Supper	Purple
2. Enter	Curtain	Dirty
3. Third	Backward	Inform
4. Nurse	Soldier	Pleasure
5. Silver	Weather	Saturday

Listen and read aloud the following statements. Identify and select the [ɜ] sound for stressed syllables, and the [ə] for unstressed syllables.

[ɜ]	[ə]	Silver
[ɜ]	[ə]	Urn
[ɜ]	[ə]	dan <u>ger</u> ous
[ɜ]	[ə]	Curve
[ɜ]	[ə]	sermon
[ɜ]	[ə]	Church
[ɜ]	[ə]	regular
[ɜ]	[ə]	Exercise
[ɜ]	[ə]	Grammar
[ɜ]	[ə]	Teacher
[ɜ]	[ə]	Work <u>e</u> d
[ɜ]	[ə]	Verbs
[ɜ]	[ə]	Turn
[ɜ]	[ə]	deserve
[ɜ]	[ə]	another
[ɜ]	[ə]	Birds
[ɜ]	[ə]	Feather
[ɜ]	[ə]	Together
[ɜ]	[ə]	Louder
[ɜ]	[ə]	Actors
[ɜ]	[ə]	Perform
[ɜ]	[ə]	Better
[ɜ]	[ə]	After
[ɜ]	[ə]	Re <u>h</u> ear <u>s</u> ing