

★ LISTEN AND SPEAK ★ GETTING READY FOR CST.

Listen to each sentence and underline or mark the stressed syllables.

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FOR EXAMPLE:

I don't exactly know **what it is about it that** appeals to me.
It's not just **the** music – it's **the** atmosphere in **the** clubs...

1. I have to say I'm not that keen on pop it all sounds the same to me these days.
2. My friend and me were right at the front we were in the most expensive seats.
3. You could just about hear the bass and the drums from time to time but the words were completely inaudible.
4. I was on the train on the way to work last week a girl came and sat next to me.
5. I was sitting there in the chair feeling very nervous waiting to drill when this wonderful Indian music started playing.
6. We found that certain sounds have the power to change moods and emotional states for the better.

PRACTICE!

How these phrases would sound in natural spoken English?

- "as soon as they came on"
- "I was on the train on the way to work"
- "they are a real nuisance"
- "a blatant case of noise pollution"
- "wonderful Indian music started playing"
- "it relaxed my whole body"

Look at the following words. Practice the schwa sound and use the words in a phrase created by yourself.

WORD	SCHWA POSITION	YOUR EXAMPLE
about	ab o ut → /ə'baʊt/	
today	to d ay → /tə'deɪ/	
problem	pr o blem → /'prɒbləm/	
support	su p port → /sə'pɔ:t/	
perhaps	pe r haps → /pə'hæps/	

Include these words that are also pronounced with schwa in their weak forms:

- was
- to
- of
- them
- at
- for

I wonder where my cat **was**!
This is the person you need to talk **to**.
Spiders are what I am afraid **of**.
This is not for you! This is for **them**!
What are you looking **at**?
What are you looking **for**?

