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- 1 A** Work in pairs. Read the tip. Then complete the table with the words in the box.

PRONUNCIATION TIP

Words have parts called syllables. A syllable has one vowel sound. *Bus* has one syllable, *doctor* has two syllables, *computer* has three syllables.

afternoon digital four internet night
 number pizza sandwich singer Spain

one syllable	two syllables	three syllables
bus	doctor	computer afternoon

- B** **S1.01** | Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.
2 **S1.02** | Read the tip. Then listen to words from Ex 1A. Underline the stressed syllable.

PRONUNCIATION TIP

One syllable in the word is stressed.

It is l o n g, LOUD and high.
doctor, computer

- 3** **S1.03** | Read the tip. Then listen and repeat the sound and the words.

PRONUNCIATION TIP

The schwa /ə/ sound is weak and is in unstressed syllables.

teacher, doctor, America
 /ə/ /ə/ /ə/ /ə/

- 1** teacher, computer
2 doctor, information
3 America, shop assistant
4 listen, student

- 4 A** Work in pairs. Look at the words in Ex 3 again and complete the tip.

SPELLING TIP

In words we often spell /ə/:

- 1** re.....
2
3
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- B** Work in pairs. Complete the words.

- 1** He's a waiter.....
2 She's sev.....n.
3 It's in Pol.....nd.
4 Good aft.....noon.
5 Answ..... the question.
6 Just mom.....nt.
7 It's from Br.....zil.
8 I'm a sing.....
9 No probl.....m.
10 He'sn act.....
11 It's in Chin.....
12 I don't und.....stand.

- C** **S1.04** | Listen and repeat.

PRONUNCIATION FOCUS 2

/s/, /z/, /ɪz/ in plurals

- 5 A** Work in pairs. What are the plural forms of the words in the circles?

A / /
 name
 email
 key

B / /
 book
 passport
 shop

C / /
 box
 bus
 sandwich

- B** **S1.05** | Listen and match the plural endings (A–C) in Ex 5A with the sounds: /s/, /z/ and /ɪz/.

- C** **S1.05** | Listen again and repeat.