

Name _____ **The Schwa Sound**



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Schwa is an unstressed or unaccented syllable. Any of the five vowels can make a schwa sound. It most frequently is pronounced like a short u (/ʊ/), but it can also sound like a short /ɪ/ ('ih') sound. It is the most common sound in the English language. The symbol for the schwa sound is /ə/.

Circle the weak syllables in each word that have the schwa sound.

agree

relax

adore

enjoy

believe

ago

rebel

predict

afar

apply

data

apart

escape

parka

ajar

redeem

avoid

away

arrive

annoy

tuna

forget

amount

cobra