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# ENGLISH PHONETICS

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Lesson 04 /ə/

Listen to the words.

ago

about

away

Meet the  
phonetic  
symbol.

/ə/

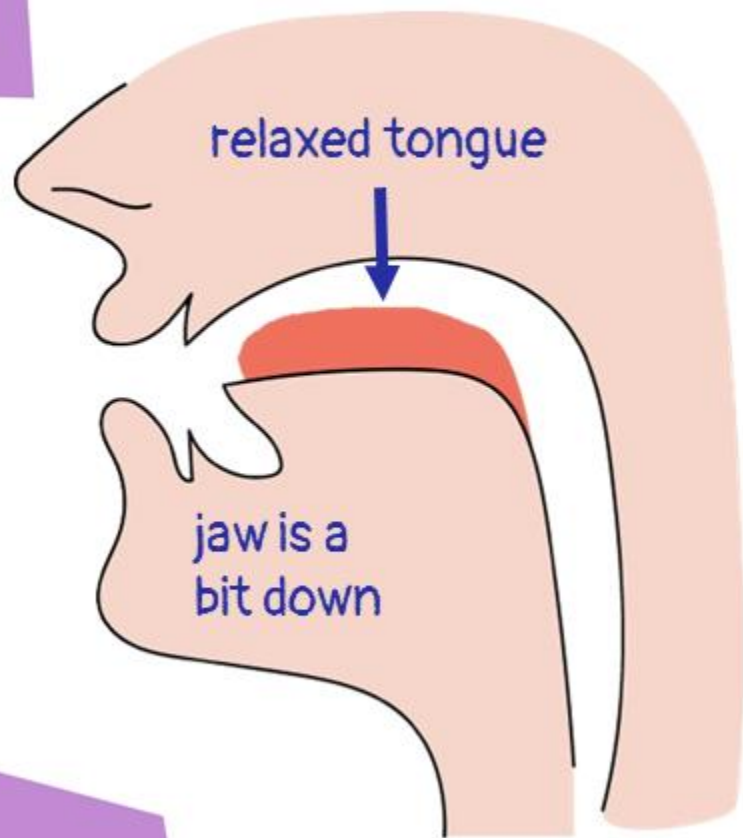
Produce the sound.



/ə/

about, banana, mountain : [ə]

Do the  
correct  
mouth  
position.



## Words that have the /ə/ sound

above among alive

another again alone

a

## Words that have the /ə/ sound

even    silent    enemy

item    tiger    student

e

## Words that have the /ə/ sound

visa

pasta

pizza

data

scuba

camera

a



Listen, repeat, and then read.

/ə/

extra items

pasta and pizza

handsome police

official documents



Listen, repeat, and then read.

/ə/

Jane likes tuna.

She eats bacon and pasta.

Leave the cactus on the sofa.

The visa contains correct data.



Listen and write the words in the correct box.

about    wallet    band    doctor  
sofa    same    drink    camel

with /ə/ sound

without /ə/ sound



Identify where the /ə/ sound is. Write **B** for beginning, **M** for middle, and **E** for end.

1. extra

2. some

3. again

4. camera

5. ago

6. police

Listen, read, and encircle the words with the /ə/ sound.

- 1 The pilot flies the plane.
- 2 Rosa sat on the blue sofa.
- 3 Tim's cat loves to eat tuna fish.
- 4 Do you think scuba diving is fun?

Listen to the pronunciation trivia.

## The Schwa Sound

It comes from the Hebrew word 'shewa', which means emptiness. It is called the lazy sound because your mouth and tongue will need to act lazy to make the right sound.





# TONGUE TWISTER!

The doctoring  
doctor wants to  
doctor the doctor.

**WELL DONE!**

**Sound: /ə/**

**Spelling: a, e**