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| Pronunciation Practice: /Ə/ The “Schwa” | | | |
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| **Symbol** | | **Examples** | Pronouncing the Sound |
| /ə/ | | b**a**nan**a**, **a**bout | This is the most common vowel sound in English. The lips are relaxed and neutral. This sound is always short and unstressed. Many unstressed vowels in English are pronounced as a “schwa”. |

*A. Listen and repeat, paying attention to the unstressed syllables (underlined) pronounced as /ǝ /.*

1. b**a**nan**a**

2. **a**bout

3. **a**ccount

4. mount**ai**n

5. vacat**io**n

6. max**i**mum

*B. Underline the unstressed syllables, pronounced /ǝ/, in the following words.*

1. adept

1. synthesize
2. nation
3. paper
4. Canada
5. vinyl
6. medium
7. syringe
8. decimal
9. jealous
10. lemon
11. harmony
12. maximum
13. adept