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Sheriff Schwa ə

The schwa is represented by this symbol “ə”. The schwa represents the unstressed vowel sound in English words and phrases.

The schwa is the most common vowel sound in the English language!

Examples: The ‘a’ in *about*; the ‘e’ in *taken*; the ‘i’ in *pencil*; the ‘o’ in *eloquent*; the ‘u’ in *circus*, the ‘y’ in *syringe*.

CIRCLE THE SCHWA SOUND IN EACH WORD.

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