

schwa vowels Vocabulary Lists for elementary school (Band I) and junior-high-school (Band II) English learners

Band I:

mid-word syllable:

balloon
alphabet
negative
photographer
probably
synagogue
animal
final
finally
hospital
several
usual
usually
chocolate
immediately
unfortunately
important
breakfast
thousand
village
message
manager

schwa pronunciation (depending on dialect) of unaccented syllables

schwa e

describe
record (verb)
telephone
television
hundred
travel
level
problem
happen
children
open
garden
listen
market
pocket
ticket
toilet
parents
different

student
moment
present
biggest
interest
interested
interesting
sentence
difference

schwa i

animal
beautiful
terrible
horrible
family
difficult
holiday
office
officer
positive
impossible
pupil
pencil

schwa o

correct
collect
police
polite
favorite
customer
favorite
opposite
chocolate
bottom
lesson
reason
million

schwa u

instrument
minus

Band II:

schwa a in unaccented syllable:

Arab
character
cinema
distance
entrance
explanation
human
image
machine
manage
necessary (dialect)

normally
organization
organize
package
personal
realize
separate
similar
synagogue
total
typical
usual
camera
comma
diary
diploma
disappear
entrance
extra
garbage
geography
interval
island
magazine
parental
permanent
pleasant
potential
practical
primary
principal
proposal
reasonable
stomach
variety
regular
standard
temporary
popular
calendar

schwa e

celebrate
cinema
define
describe
effect
environment
even
level
Moslem
movement
necessary
open
passenger
recent

responsible
specific
strategy
suddenly
telephone number
the same
theater
travel
accident
acknowledge
adequate
appointment
at present
blanket
broken
calendar
carpet
channel
degree
desert
destroy
devote
election
elevator
enemy
have a talk/mtg/appointment
illness
instrument
it/that depends
jacket
jewelry
label
latest
moment
opening
permanent
present
presentation
sounds good/interesting/strange
towel
variety
written

schwa i

Muslim
responsible
similar
accident
approximately
capital
diploma
family name
heavily
horrible
medicine
minimum
minister
nationality
philosophy (dialect)
principal
the most attractive/popular etc.

schwa o

collect
common
environment
opinion
period
personal
recognize
apologize
champion
command
decoration
elevator
ideology
introduce
lemon
philosophy
potential
prison
proposal
reasonable
temporary
original
absolutely

schwa u

instrument
minimum
museum

schwa y (dialect)

typical
synagogue (also Band 1)

