

Schwa

Directions Choose the word with a vowel that has the same sound as the underlined vowels in **about**, **taken**, **pencil**, **lemon**, and **circus** to complete each sentence. Write the word on the line to the left.

- _____ 1. Susan was (afraid/scared) to walk her dog without a leash.
- _____ 2. Every time she opened the front door, the little (puppy/rascal) ran off.
- _____ 3. One time she took her dog to a (local/nearby) park.
- _____ 4. All the (animals/doggies) were fetching or chasing.
- _____ 5. Susan removed her puppy's leash and let the dog run (around/freely).
- _____ 6. When her dog ran off, Susan opened a (paper/plastic) bag and pulled out a treat.
- _____ 7. Susan's dog quickly (traveled/bounded) back.
- _____ 8. Now anytime Susan offers her dog a tasty (biscuit/morsel), it comes racing to her.

Directions Circle the letter in each word that stands for the same sound as the underlined vowels in **about**, **taken**, **pencil**, **lemon**, and **circus**.

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| 9. kitchen | 12. family | 15. gallon | 18. ago |
| 10. river | 13. melon | 16. dollar | 19. open |
| 11. surprise | 14. sugar | 17. nickel | 20. canyon |



Home Activity Your child identified and wrote words that contain the vowel sound called schwa, heard in unaccented syllables such as *about*, *taken*, *pencil*, *lemon*, and *circus*. Help your child write sentences with words that have this sound. Ask your child to read each sentence and identify the letter that stands for the schwa sound.