

Schwa

Generalization In many words, the schwa in an unaccented syllable gives no clue to its spelling: **above**, **family**, **melon**.

Word Sort Sort the list words by the letter that stands for the schwa sound. Use a dictionary to help.

a1. above2. afraid3. sugar**e**4. paper5. open6. travel7. nickel8. item**i**9. family**o**10. gallon11. melon**u**12. upon13. circus**a and e**14. another**a and i**15. animal

Spelling Words

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8. travel

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15. melon

Challenge Words

16. character
17. cardinal
18. Oregon
19. particular
20. dinosaur

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a and u16. particular**e and o**17. Oregon**e**19. character**a**18. cardinal**o**20. dinosaur

Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the schwa sound (an unstressed vowel sound such as the *a* in *above*). To practice at home, have your child say the word, study it, spell it with eyes closed, and then write it.