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.

а	0
	10
	11
	u
е	12
	13
	a and e
	14
	 a and i
i	15
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Spelling Words

- 1. above
- 2. another
- 3. upon
- 4. animal
- 5. paper
- 6. open
- 7. family
- 8. travel
- 9. afraid
- 10. nickel
- 11. sugar
- 12. circus
- 13. item
- 14. gallon
- 15. melon

Challenge Words

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

Challenge Words

a and u

e and o

e

0

16. _____

17. _____

a

· _____

18.

20.



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.

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Context Clues Write the missing list word.

- **1.** May I have _____ piece of pizza? 1. _____
- **2.** I have three dimes and one _____ in my bank. 2.
- **3.** He was eating a slice of _____. 3. _____
- **4.** I wrote a letter on a sheet of green _____.
- **5.** My _____ likes to watch football Sunday afternoons.
- 6. _____ **6.** Please get a _____ of milk.
- 7. The ____ had clowns and acrobats.
- **8.** Is the _____ bowl empty?
- **9.** Each _____ on the list must be done by noon. 9. _____
- 10. _____ **10.** Once ____ a time, there was a handsome prince.
- 11. **11.** My favorite _____ is the giraffe.

Opposites Write the list word that means the opposite.

- afraid **12.** shut
- travel **13.** brave above 14. stay home
- open 15. below



Home Activity Your child spelled words with the schwa sound (an unstressed vowel sound such **∔ Home** as the a in above). Have your child pick a number between 1 and 15. Read the list word with that number and ask your child to spell it.

PROOFREAD

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Proofread a Description Jake wrote about an imaginary animal. Circle four words that are spelled incorrectly and two words that should be combined into one compound word. Write the words correctly.

My anamal looks like a lizard with opun wings. It has beutiful colors. It lives above the tree tops. For food it breaks open a mellon. It is not afraid of any thing.

Frequently Misspelled Words upon

again

beautiful

1	2	3
4	5	6

Proofread Words Fill in a circle to show which word is spelled correctly. Write the word.

7. There was an	in the pap	per about our class.	7
O itam	Oitum	Oitem	
8. Are you	you might get	lost on the subway?	8
O afraid	Oifraid	O afriad	
9. There are five	people in my _	·	9
O family	O famaly	O familie	
10. The candy cos	st a each.		10
O nicle	O nickle	O nickel	

School + Home

Home Activity Your child identified misspelled words with the schwa sound (an unstressed vowel sound such as the *a* in *above*). Give clues about a list word. Ask your child to guess and spell the word.

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Crossword Puzzle

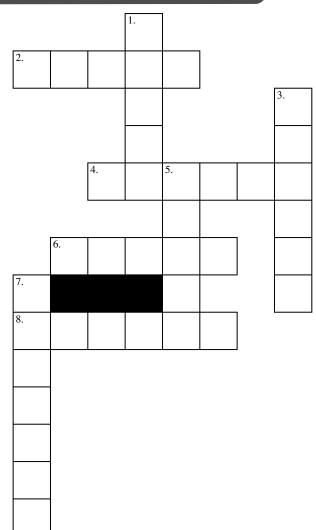
Write list words in the puzzle.

Across

- 2. something sweet
- 4. move from place to place
- 6. a large fruit
- 8. five cents

Down

- 1. You write on this.
- 3. four quarts
- 5. overhead
- 7. one more



Word Puzzle The stars in the words below all stand for one vowel. The hearts stand for a different vowel. Can you crack the code? Write the words.

- 9. ♥fr♥*d ______ 10. ♥n*m♥l_____
- 11. f♥m * ly _____ 12. * tem



Home Home Activity Your child has been learning to spell words with the schwa sound. Help your child make up a code and use it to write list words.