

The Schwa Sound



Schwa is an unstressed or unaccented syllable. It often sounds like a short u (/u/), but any of the five vowels can make a schwa sound. The schwa sound can also sound like a short /ɪ/ ('ih') sound. It is the most common sound in the English language. Examples:

aback

adjust

entail

ensue

Think of some other words you know that contain the schwa sound. Write your examples in the correct columns.

nouns	adjectives	verbs	adverbs

