

The 'schwa' vowel sound

The "uh" sound in English (a 'schwa')

How do you pronounce the word "invalid"?

- $\ln v a \text{lid}$ {a as in cat} = not valid
- In v lid {a as in Nottingham} = a weak or disabled person due to illness or injury

It's usually a short vowel sound as in "attack".

It occurs in unstressed syllables.

It is uncommon in single syllable words.

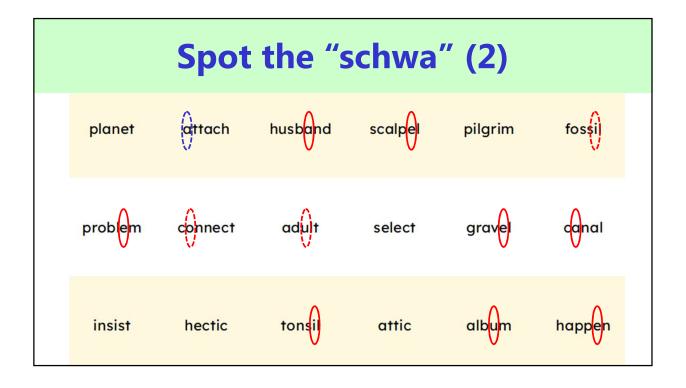
Some examples of the 'Schwa'

- Table
- Manchester
- Permit (to allow)
- China
- Wollaton
- Tomato
- Permanent

- Pterodactyl
- Pedalling
- America
- Carrot
- Garden
- Lincoln
- Singapore

- Vulture
- Balloon
- Problem
- Family
- Bottom
- Support
- Analysis

Spot the "schwa" (1)							
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Triple vowel sounds

There are a few triple-vowel sounds

Add the 'schwa' ('uh') sound after a double vowel sound ... for example:

Hour "ow" sound followed by "uh"Choir "igh" sound followed by "uh"Visual "ure" sound followed by "uh"

But mostly there's a pause between the double vowel sound and the next vowel:

Lower "oh" sound , then a pause, then "uh" Flower "ow" sound , then a pause, then "uh" Buyer "igh" sound , then a pause, then "uh"