

## Exercises for /ə/

1. Moving up, down, left or right, follow the words with the /ə/ sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (10a) and practice saying the words.

start →	water	banana	colour	but	phone	speak	white	grapes	ring	
	sitting	two	garden	hotel	card	fifteen	easy	not	standing	
	green	sun	doctor	door	Spain	writing	question	teacher	sugar	→ finish
	lose	move	paper	ship	spoon	new	letter	cars	coffee	
	cooking	arm	China	faster	pasta	cinema	woman	shops	spinning	

2. Underline the part of the words in blue where the /ə/ sound appears. Remember that /ə/ appears in the unstressed part of words. After, listen to the MP3 (10b) and practice saying the passage aloud.

I recently bought a new digital camera, but it's incredibly complex. There are dozens of buttons on it, hundreds of different settings, and so many extras to buy: lenses, stands, microphones, and bags just to name a few. That's why I like using my smartphone camera. I just open the application and take a picture in seconds! The other great thing about smartphone cameras is that they are always in your pocket, so whenever a picture opportunity comes, you can be ready.

3. Listen to the MP3 (10c) and circle which word contains the /ə/ sound(s). Underline the /ə/ sounds.

- a) oranges      oppose
- b) studying    certain
- c) Switzerland    sausages
- d) fantastic    future
- e) Japan        juicy

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the passage in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the target sound you studied?

