**schwa vowels Vocabulary Lists for elementary school (Band I) and junior-high-school (Band II) English learners**

Band I:

mid-word syllable:

balloon

alphabet

negative

photographer

probably

synagogue

animal

final

finally

hospital

several

usual

usually

chocolate

immediately

unfortunately

important

breakfast

thousand

village

message

manager

schwa pronunciation (depending on dialect) of unaccented syllables

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**schwa e**

describe

record (verb)

telephone

television

hundred

travel

level

problem

happen

children

open

garden

listen

market

pocket

ticket

toilet

parents

different

student

moment

present

biggest

interest

interested

interesting

sentence

difference

**schwa i**

animal

beautiful

terrible

horrible

family

difficult

holiday

office

officer

positive

impossible

pupil

pencil

**schwa o**

correct

collect

police

polite

favorite

customer

favorite

opposite

chocolate

bottom

lesson

reason

million

**schwa u**

instrument

minus

**Band II:**

**schwa a in unaccented syllable:**

Arab

character

cinema

distance

entrance

explanation

human

image

machine

manage

necessary (dialect)

normally

organization

organize

package

personal

realize

separate

similar

synagogue

total

typical

usual

camera

comma

diary

diploma

disappear

entrance

extra

garbage

geography

interval

island

magazine

parental

permanent

pleasant

potential

practical

primary

principal

proposal

reasonable

stomach

variety

regular

standard

temporary

popular

calendar

**schwa e**

celebrate

cinema

define

describe

effect

environment

even

level

Moslem

movement

necessary

open

passenger

recent

responsible

specific

strategy

suddenly

telephone number

the same

theater

travel

accident

acknowledge

adequate

appointment

at present

blanket

broken

calendar

carpet

channel

degree

desert

destroy

devote

election

elevator

enemy

have a talk/mtg/appointment

illness

instrument

it/that depends

jacket

jewelry

label

latest

moment

opening

permanent

present

presentation

sounds good/interesting/strange

towel

variety

written

**schwa i**

Muslim

responsible

similar

accident

approximately

capital

diploma

family name

heavily

horrible

medicine

minimum

minister

nationality

philosophy (dialect)

principal

the most attractive/popular etc.

**schwa o**

collect

common

environment

opinion

period

personal

recognize

apologize

champion

command

decoration

elevator

ideology

introduce

lemon

philosophy

potential

prison

proposal

reasonable

temporary

original

absolutely

**schwa u**

instrument

minimum

museum

**schwa y (dialect)**

typical

synagogue (also Band 1)