

# Schwa

**Generalization** In many words the schwa in an unaccented syllable gives no clue to its spelling: **different**, **American**, **opinion**.

**Word Sort** Sort the list words according to the letter that stands for the schwa sound.

**a**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**e**

7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_

## Challenge Words

**a**

21. \_\_\_\_\_

**a and i**

22. \_\_\_\_\_

**e and o**

23. \_\_\_\_\_

**i**

12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_

**o**

15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_

**a and i**

17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. \_\_\_\_\_

**i and o**

19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_

## Spelling Words

1. different
2. sentence
3. American
4. brilliant
5. substitute
6. opinion
7. material
8. complete
9. jewelry
10. dramatic
11. instance
12. communicate
13. hesitate
14. elementary
15. vitamin
16. ingredients
17. invitation
18. discipline
19. lasagna
20. desperate

## Challenge Words

21. inhabitant
22. ferocious
23. orangutan
24. sympathetic
25. infinity

