

Affix Schwa Sort Answer Key

- about - prefix
- delight - prefix
- prepare - prefix
- action - suffix
- dangerous - suffix
- natural - suffix
- departure - suffix
- amaze - prefix
- pretend - prefix
- nervous - suffix
- final - suffix
- capture - suffix

(The schwa appears in unstressed affixes: a-, de-, pre-, -tion, -ture, -ous, -al.)

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce the idea that many schwa sounds appear in **affixes**, especially in prefixes like a-, de-, pre- and suffixes like -tion, -ture, -ous, and -al.
- Model identifying schwa by saying the word slowly and noticing which part sounds weak or unstressed.
- Support students by having them underline the affix in each word before deciding where the schwa occurs.
- For extension, invite students to sort additional multi-syllable words by which affix contains the schwa or create a short list of words where both prefix and suffix have possible schwa sounds.