

Name _____

Hidden Schwa Hunt Answer Key

Schwa vowel circled in each word:

- family - a (second syllable)
- chocolate - o
- interest - e (first syllable)
- dangerous - e
- camera - e
- animal - i
- different - e (second syllable)
- every - e
- travel - e
- holiday - i
- button - o (u is not pronounced as a vowel here; o is schwa before n)
- pilot - i
- circus - u
- memory - o
- problem - o

Teacher's Guide

- Review that the schwa is the weak vowel sound that often sounds like uh and can appear in unexpected places.
- Read several words aloud and ask students which vowel sounds strongest and which sounds weaker.
- Support learners by encouraging them to tap syllables and listen for the unstressed part of the word before circling.
- For extension, have students choose three words and rewrite them in syllable form, marking which syllable contains the schwa or create simple sentences using at least two hidden schwa words.