The Schwa, or “uh” sound /ə/

Tongue Twister:
Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear,
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair,
Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn’t very fuzzy, was he?

To make this sound: Relax your jaw and drop your tongue to the bottom of your mouth. The sound comes from the back of your mouth. Pretend that someone has just hit you in the stomach, and you say “uh.”

Practice Words
1. among 16. hungry
2. under 17. jump
3. because 18. love
4. become 19. number
5. butter 20. other
6. come 21. pumpkin
7. consider 22. someone
8. contain 23. subject
9. compare 24. suddenly
10. completely 25. summer
11. control 26. touchdown
12. cover 27. understand
13. done 28. umbrella
14. from 29. wasn’t
15. gun 30. wonder

Practice Sentences
1. Get out from under the bushes because you don’t want to get poison ivy.
2. He was among the smartest of his peers.
3. The butter will become liquid if you leave it in the sun.
4. I hope you will consider letting him come to the party.
5. Let’s compare the recipes that contain pumpkin.
6. It appears that he completely controls her.
7. Lift off the cover and see if the casserole is done.
8. I'm not very hungry in the heat of summer.
9. I love to jump rope for exercise.
10. There are a number of other options we should consider.
11. Someone brought up the subject of budget cuts.
12. After being behind, our team suddenly scored a touchdown.
13. I wonder why she carries a polka-dotted umbrella.
14. Did you understand that this wasn’t an optional task?

Tongue Twisters

• Busy buzzing bumble bees.
• Rugged rubber baby buggy bumpers.
• A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
• Come, come,
  Stay calm, stay calm,
  No need for alarm,
  It only hums,
  It doesn’t harm.
• Luke Luck likes lakes.
  Luck’s duck licks lakes.

—Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss