

The Schwa, or “uh” sound /ʌ/

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:

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| 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:

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

—from Dr. Seuss' *Fox in Socks*