

NEW Schwa Sound – /ə/

Who can say the five vowel sounds? Today we will learn a second sound for the vowels. Each vowel can also say /ǘ/. Look at the words on the board. Point to *some*. What is this word? What vowel sound do you hear? Which letter makes the /ǘ/ sound? Underline the *o*.

Follow the same procedure for *was* (*a*), *the* (*e*), *run* (*u*), *robin* (*i*)

Each of the vowels have the /ǘ/ sound. When any vowel makes the /ǘ/ sound we show this with an upside down *e*. (ə) Demonstrate on the board. This is called a *schwa*. It is not a letter, but a way to show when any vowel makes the /ǘ/ sound. This is the way dictionaries show the /ǘ/ sound. Students do not need to learn how to write the schwa symbol.

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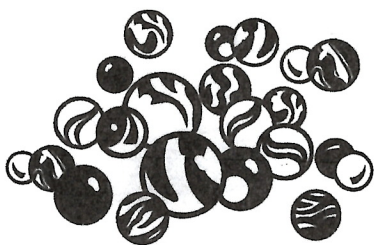
Go back to the word *some* on the board. Following *some*, write *səme*. Since the letter *o* has the /ǘ/ sound, *some* sounds like this, *səme*. Demonstrate in the same way for the rest of the words. *run* - *rən*, *was* - *wəs*, *robin* - *robən*.

Drill the /ǘ/ sound with Phonics Card #30.

The ə Sound

Lesson 9

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some fun

ə = ǘ



seven bugs

1 Put a line under the letter that says ə. ☐

run	sun	hug	tub	quiet	cub
some	the	was	but	seven	fun