

Schwa in IELTS Listening gapfill answers

Correct the spelling mistakes on the next page. Some lines have more than one mistake, but most have only one.

Try to find what the spelling mistakes have in common and use that to check that you have corrected the right parts.

Check your answers with the suggested answers, then use those answers to check if you guessed the right thing in common between the mistakes.

Why are the wrong parts spelled that way?

Practise pronouncing schwa on its own, then in some of the example words, first using the wrong spelling version to help.

In groups, practise saying the words with schwa, correcting each other if the pronunciation is too close to the correct spelling version.

Test each other on the words:

- Choose one of the words, say it either the way it is spelt or with the normal use of schwa, and see if your partner can hear which way you are saying it
- Choose one of the words, say it the way it is spelt (without schwa) and see if your partner can pronounce it back with the usual pronunciation the correct way (with schwa)
- Say one of the words with the normal pronunciation (with schwa) and see if your partner can spell it

Listening gapfill answers with spelling mistakes to correct

- stage acter
- erlarming news
- psychoanalersis
- autermatic assessmernt
- large balcerny
- balernce sheet
- botterm shelf
- 100 caleries
- late-stage capiterlism
- holiday caterlogues
- art cinemer
- classicerl music
- remote cerntrol
- commern room
- custermer service
- demercratic republic
- departmernt stores
- docter's surgery
- 25 dollers
- door-ter-door
- drinks/ refreshmernts
- Southeast Englernd
- flexerble hours
- fluerncy practice
- gardern bench
- Goldern Gate Bridge
- grammer rules
- green buttern
- steel inderstry
- tourist infermation
- added inserlation
- TV journerlist
- industrial mediater
- medier room
- missed oppertunity
- perlitical movemernt
- extremist polertics
- back proberms
- distant relertives
- safe fer kids
- sociolergy lessern
- soler panel
- suger addict
- new technolergy
- Tower of Londern

Suggested answers

- stage actor
- alarming news
- psychoanalysis
- automatic assessment
- large balcony
- balance sheet
- bottom shelf
- 100 calories
- late-stage capitalism
- holiday catalogues
- art cinema
- classical music
- remote control
- common room
- customer service
- democratic republic
- department stores
- doctor's surgery
- 25 dollars
- door-to-door
- drinks/ refreshments
- Southeast England
- flexible hours
- fluency practice
- garden bench
- Golden Gate Bridge
- grammar rules
- green button
- steel industry
- tourist information
- added insulation
- TV journalist
- industrial mediator
- media room
- missed opportunity
- political movement
- extremist politics
- back problems
- distant relatives
- safe for kids
- sociology lesson
- solar panel
- sugar addict
- new technology
- Tower of London