

**Limericks
Phonology worksheet**

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1- Watch the following videos on YouTube and identify 4 words that are stressed in each limerick

- Video 1 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niAaXPzYtgo>:
- Video 2 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQI7rKVqVns>:
- Video 3 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdBbj8gN2V8>:

a) What word category do the stressed syllables fall on? Circle the correct answers

nouns – verbs – adjectives – articles – prepositions - conjunctions- adverbs

b) Could you explain why?

2- Do all the exercises on English Online related to stressed syllables then answer the questions below
<http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/index.php?page=92>

- ex1: http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/01_niger_ton.htm
- ex2 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/02_cider_ton.htm
- ex3 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/03_bigamy_ton.htm
- ex4 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/04_funeral_ton.htm
- ex5 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/05_darjeeling_ton.htm
- ex6 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/05_darjeeling_ton.htm

a) A symbol appears in the previous exercises, what symbol is it? Circle the correct answer

ə - Ø - 3

b) What is this symbol called? Circle the correct answer

The cat – the schwa – the false e

c) What does this symbol correspond to?

a sound – a combination of letters – a specific letter

d) In the following words:

- circle the letter(s) corresponding to a schwa (note that some words may not be concerned)
- place a stress in front of all the stressed syllables and/or highlight all the stressed syllables

*e*xample

American

China

Japon

again

Chinese

Italy

doctor

Japanese

Italian

e) What can you conclude about the schwa and stress? Circle the correct answer

- 1- The schwa is always stressed.
- 2- The schwa is sometimes stressed, it depends.
- 3- The schwa is never stressed.

3- Do all exercises on English Online related to the schwa

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- ex1 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/01_niger_sch.htm
- ex2 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/02_cider_sch.htm
- ex3 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/03_bigamy_sch.htm
- ex4 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/04_funeral_sch.htm
- ex5 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/05_darjeeling_sch.htm
- ex6 http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/uploads/ressources/pronunciation/limericks/05_darjeeling_sch.htm

More about the schwa to help you or to check some of your answers

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/features/schwa/>

4- Train to read out loud two limericks from worksheet 1 respecting schwas and the stress pattern as in the previous exercises.