



b a n a n a

When we say the word **banana**,
we don't make the short a sound for all of those a's.

What sound do we actually make for those two
underlined a's in *banana*? Point to the first letter and
make the sounds, moving from left to right across the
word, making the sounds we say in *banana*.

This is what we call the **schwa** sound.

**The schwa sound is the short u sound, and every
vowel can make the schwa sound!**

**about, bulloon, caravan
deuvelop, theu, bulletutin
similular, capuital, origuinal
other, seucond, freeduom**