

Schwa; /ə/ spelled *el, le, al, il*

- FOCUS**
- The schwa sound is a vowel sound that is not stressed. The symbol for schwa is ə.
 - The letters *el, le, al, and il* are often found at the end of words. These letter combinations make the /ə/ sound.

PRACTICE Write each word and divide it into syllables.

1. gargle _____

2. panel _____

3. metal _____

4. freckle _____

5. anvil _____

6. shrivel _____

7. shuffle _____

8. fossil _____

9. rascal _____

10. stencil _____

APPLY Choose a word from the box below to complete each sentence. Write the word on the line.

puddle

model

rental

gravel

tranquil

- 11.** There are lots of nice _____ properties on this street.
- 12.** The water was _____ before the storm started.
- 13.** The teacher will _____ how to read fluently.
- 14.** There was a _____ in our yard after the storm.
- 15.** The parking lot is covered with _____.

Circle the word with the /əl/ sound. Then write the word on the line.

- 16.** Ann's rings sparkle. _____
- 17.** This novel is 350 pages long. _____
- 18.** Dad makes a great lentil soup. _____
- 19.** Apple tart is the best! _____
- 20.** The tiger is my favorite animal. _____