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Pronunciation

Unit4 – Lesson2

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Play the audio and ask your students to listen carefully. Then explain the note and provide examples.

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A ▶04-09 Listen. Read the pronunciation note.

Reductions in quantifier phrases

In quantifier phrases like *some of the animals* or *half of it*, the preposition *of* is unstressed and blends with the words around it. The quantifier before and the noun after *of* are usually stressed. *Of* is often reduced to /ə/ when the next word begins with a consonant sound: *neither of those* /niðərəðouz/. When the next word begins with a vowel sound, *of* is often pronounced /əv/: *half of it* /hæfəvɪt/.

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B ▶04-10 Listen. Notice how the words in the underlined phrases blend together. Then listen and repeat.

1. Some of the animals in pet shelters have been abandoned by their owners.
2. Some animals are brought in by their owners, many of whom are moving.



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C ▶04-11 Listen. Cross out the letter *f* in *of* when it's not pronounced.

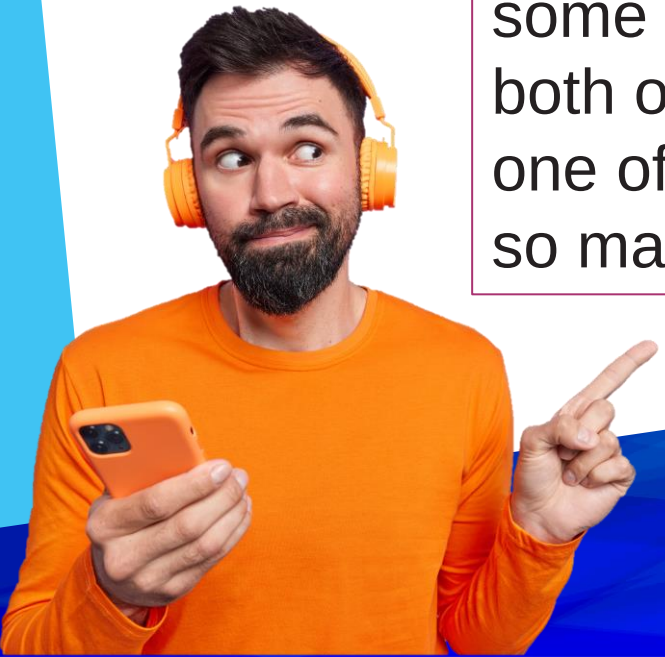
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Ask your students to make sentences using the phrases. Check their pronunciation and give feedback.

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Make sentences using the words/phrases below.



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