

StartUp 3
Pronunciation

Unit9 – Lesson2
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TO THE TEACHER

Teach your students the concept of "The letter a".

The letter *a*

In stressed syllables and words with one syllable, the letter *a* usually has the sound /eɪ/ (*late*) or /æ/ (*cab*). When the letter *a* comes before *r*, however, it usually has the sound /ɑ/ (*car*). In unstressed syllables, the letter *a* often has the sound /ə/ (*address*).

Play the video once and focus on the concept you have already taught.



Watch the video and pay attention to the "The letter a."

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A ▶09-10 Listen. Notice the different vowel sounds spelled by the letter *a*. Then listen and repeat.

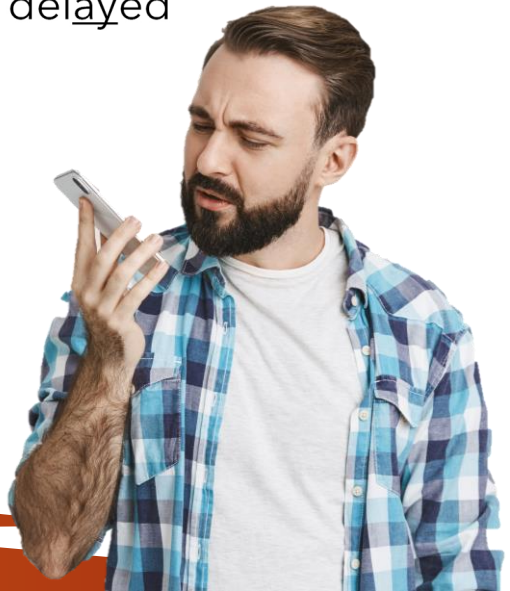
/eɪ/	/æ/	/ɑ/	/ə/
late	cab	car	address



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B ▶09-11 Write each word in the correct column in 3A.
Then listen and check your answers.

sofa	traffic	train	bad	armchair
table	accident	apartment	artwork	delayed



Ask your students to read the part focusing on pronunciation.

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sofa traffic train
table accident apartment

bad armchair
artwork delayed

READ THE WORDS AND PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.

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C PAIRS Add one more word to each column in 3A.

/eɪ/	/æ/	/ɑ/	/ə/
late	cab	car	address

