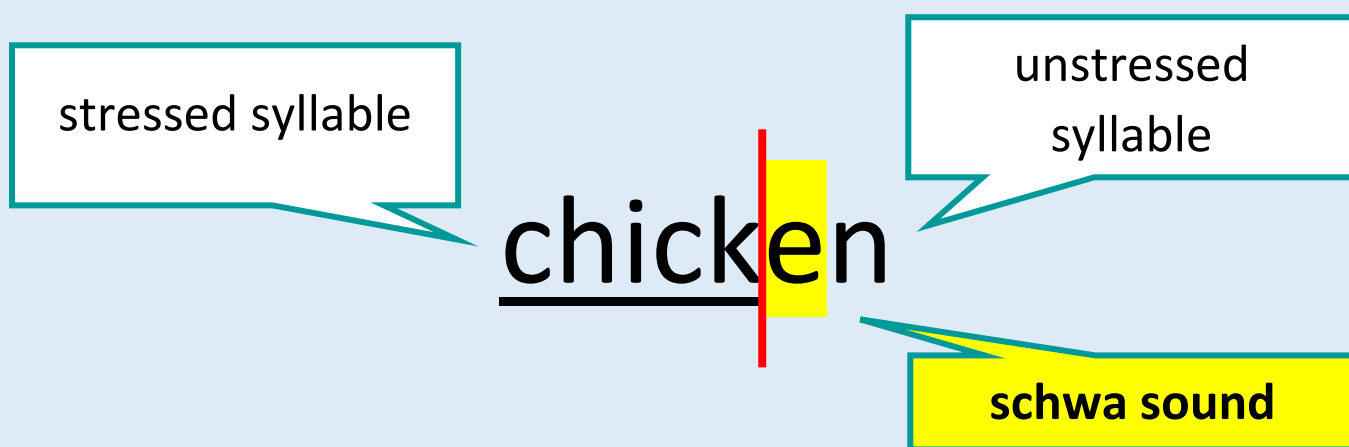


What is a schwa?

A schwa is a weak vowel sound in an unstressed syllable



'e' is a schwa because it is a weak vowel sound in an unstressed syllable. It gets swallowed up when we pronounce the word 'chickin' or 'chick'n'. We need to teach children to use their 'spelling voice' in order to spell the word correctly and not as they hear it.