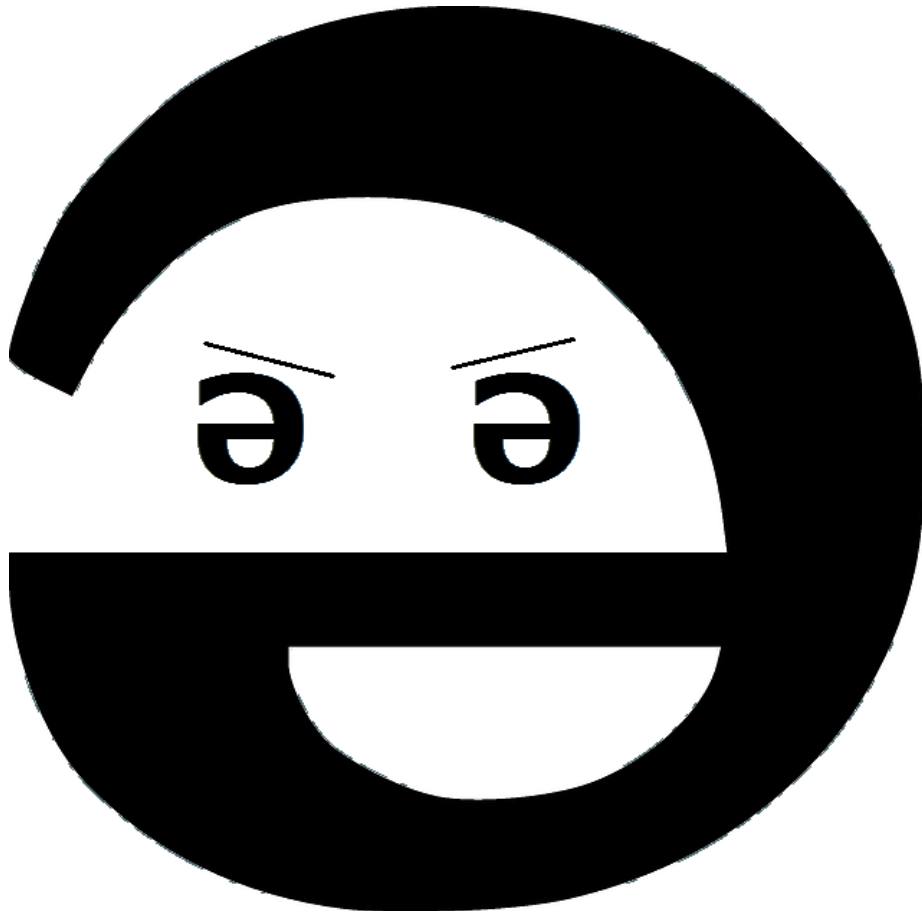


APPENDIX A: The Schwa Ninja



Character created by Abram Elijah Leon using Microsoft *Word* and *Paint* programs.

APPENDIX B: Example Listening Cloze Worksheet

The Schwa Ninja: Analyzing “Humpty Dumpty”

Listen to the song using the link below:

[Humpty Dumpty](#) [link to a YouTube video, etc.]

Step 1: Listen again and fill in the missing words.

Example: I'm not a normal student... I'm a ninja!

Step 2: Which vowels are “Schwa Ninjas”?

Cross them out!

Example: I'm not a normal student... I'm a ninja!



Step 3: Write the /ə/ symbol over the reduced vowels

/ə/ /ə/ /ə/ /ə/ /ə/

Example: I'm not a normal student... I'm a ninja!

Step 4: Check answers with a partner and practice reading the rhyme aloud.



Humpty Dumpty _____ wall,

Humpty Dumpty _____ fall.

_____ King's _____ and _____ King's men,

_____ put Humpty _____.

Answer Key

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/ə/

Humpty Dumpty sat on **a** wall,

/ə/

Humpty Dumpty had **a** great fall.

/ə/

/ə/

/ə/

All the King's horses and all the King's men,

/ə/

/ə/

/ə/

\*Couldn't put Humpty together **a**gain.

\*The schwa sound sometimes appears here: Couldn't = "could**uh**nt"