

# short ā /æ/ A

initial	medial	
accident	bad	laugh
after	can	man
am	damage	matter
and	glass	ran
angry	had	stand
answer	happen	thank
as	happy	that
ask	have	understand
at		

CD One, track 1

**Student A:** What's the matter? You look angry.

**Student B:** I am. I had a car accident.

**Student A:** What happened?

**Student B:** A man ran a red light. He damaged my fender.  
And he broke the glass on my headlight.

**Student A:** That's too bad!

CD One, track 2

medium ä /a/ AH

initial	medial
all	call
almost	car
also	fall
although	far
always	farm
are	father
art	hard
autumn	large
	saw
	start
	talk
	walk
	wall
	want
	wash
	watch
	water

**Note:** Speakers in many areas of North America will pronounce some of these words with the open ô/ɔ/AW sound for the letter a.

CD One track 3

**Student A:** Where do you want to go for Thanksgiving this autumn?

**Student B:** I almost always visit my father on his farm.

**Student A:** Really? Is it far?

**Student B:** Yes. Also, it's hard to get there by car.  
All the roads are dirt.

CD One, track 4

# long ā /eɪ/ AI

initial	medial	final
able	became	away
aid	explain	day
aim	gave	lay
ate	late	may
	main	say
	make	today
	place	way
	rain	
	space	
	table	
	wait	

CD One, track 5

**Student A:** Sorry I'm late! I can explain.

**Student B:** Don't worry. We'll make some space at the table.  
Here's a place.

**Student A:** I wasn't able to get a taxi because of the rain.  
Everyone was waiting for one today.

CD One, track 6

# schwa a /ə/ uh

initial	medial	final
about	because	language
<u>again</u>	can*	manage
ago	company	message
amount	especially	probably
another	hospital	purchase
around	human	usual
<u>attach</u>	husband	woman
<u>away</u>		

**\*Note:** The pronunciation of **can** is usually reduced to /kən/ in the middle of a sentence.

*CD One, track 7*

**Worker A:** My manager is in the hospital. I'd like to organize a gift. Any ideas?

**Worker B:** How about flowers? If everyone at the company agrees to give a small amount of money, you can purchase some especially nice ones.

**Worker A:** Great! And we can attach a get-well message. I'll send a memo around the office right away!

*CD One, track 8*