



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 401: What is Schwa?
Book: Every Autumn Comes the Bear By
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Read It

Read the story out loud.
Underline the words with the
schwa sound.

One autumn, a panda bear met
a polar bear. "You look
different," said Panda. "Where
are you from?"

"I'm from the frozen tundra,"
said Polar Bear. "Where are you
from?"

"I'm from the green forest," said
Panda.

Polar Bear was afraid of the
forest. She thought it was full of
a bunch of scary creatures.

"I want to avoid the forest," said
Polar Bear. "It is so scary!"

Phonics

The Schwa sound usually
sounds like "uh"...like you are
thinking. It sounds like the u
sound, but it can be spelled
with any vowel.

Say the following words out
loud. Listen for the schwa
sound. Circle the letters that
make the schwa sound.

avoid

autumn

tundra

panda

afraid

Write It

Do you think Polar Bear will
ever Visit panda?

Think About It

Pandas live in bamboo
forests in China. Polar
Bears live on the frozen
tundra. Could these bears
live in the same habitat?