

Accent Reading #1 -

Listen carefully to how the words in bold are pronounced. Often in English the middle vowel sound 'a' is not said.

Hello, my name is **Margaret**. I have a **comfortable** life in New York City. My **family** works together in our **jewelry** store. It is a **family business** started by my great-grandfather. I have **basically** worked at this **business** all my life. I am **different** than others in my **family**, **especially** when it comes to eating habits. I do not like **chocolate**, but I **actually** love to eat **vegetables**. **Every** time my **family** and I go to a **restaurant**, I order some extra **vegetables**, and my **family** waits and gets **chocolate** for dessert. I am **probably** like other single people in New York, always trying to watch my weight and not eat too much. I hope to leave the **jewelry business** someday and start up a health food **restaurant** that serves only **vegetables**.