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WEEK 8 • LEVEL C • SQUEEZE RULE, <CI> AS /SH/, & IRREGULAR PLURALS

15 Advanced Words + Homophone Pair

1 Spelling Practice: Read each word aloud, analyze syllable splits and suffixes, and write neatly twice.

PLURALS & BASE WORDS	WORDS 1–5	<CI> AS /SH/ & SOFT <C>	WORDS 6–10	SQUEEZE RULE & ENDINGS	WORDS 11–15
1. woman		6. social		11. barely	
2. women		7. special		12. safety	
3. children		8. especially		13. statement	
4. final		9. since		14. argue	
5. finally		10. sincerely		15. arctic	

2 Morphological & Phonic Sorting: Sort the 15 spelling words into the four rule categories below.

IRREGULAR PLURALS (3 WORDS)	SQUEEZE RULE SUFFIXES (5 WORDS)	/SH/ SPELLED <CI> (3 WORDS)	BASE & ENDING RULES (4 WORDS)
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
_____	4. _____	_____	4. _____
_____	5. _____	_____	_____

3 Homophone Distinctions: Complete each context sentence with wade or weighed.

PAIR DISTINCTIONS: WADE (WALK IN WATER) • WEIGHED (MEASURED HEAVINESS)

a. The hiker had to _____ across the cool shallow mountain stream.

b. The grocery clerk carefully _____ the bag of fresh oranges on the scale.

 RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 8

Rule 1 • Irregular Plurals

Irregular plurals change internal vowels:
wo•man → wo•men, chil•d → chil•dren.

Rule 2 • Squeeze Rule

Add a consonant suffix to a word without changing the base (fi•nal•ly, sin•cere•ly, bare•ly, safe•ty, state•ment).

Rule 3 & [Deb] 4 • /sh/ as <ci>

/sh/ spelled ci after a vowel at the start of any syllable except the first (so•cial, spe•cial); [Deb] /sh/ can be ci, ti, si.

Rule 5 & 6 • Word Endings

Silent e keeps words from ending in u/v (ar•gue); /k/ spelled c at end of multi-syllable words (arc•tic).

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Linguistic Matrix • Answer Key • Decodable Dictation

M Linguistic & Orthographic Matrix: Complete structural analysis of all 15 spelling words and homophone pair.

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Syllable & Phonics Structure	Orthographic Rules & Teaching Notes
1	woman	wōm-an /'wom.ən/	wo • man	Singular adult female; irregular plural pair with women
2	women	wīm-in /'wim.in/	wo • men	Plural adult females; vowel shifts to short /ɪ/
3	children	chīl-drən /'tʃɪl.drən/	chil • dren	Irregular plural of child; short ĭ; blend -dr-
4	final	fī-nal /'faɪ.nəl/	fi • nal	Open accented /aɪ/ + unaccented -nal
5	finally	fī-nal-ē /'faɪ.nə.li/	fi • nal • ly	Squeeze rule: base final + suffix -ly
6	social	sō-shāl /'soʊ.ʃəl/	so • cial	/sh/ spelled ci after vowel at start of syllable
7	special	spēsh-al /'speʃ.əl/	spe • cial	/sh/ spelled ci after vowel at start of syllable
8	especially	ē-spēsh-ə-lē /ɪ'speʃ.ə.li/	e • spe • cial • ly	Prefix e- + special + suffix -ly; 4 syllables
9	since	sīns /sɪns/	s + ĭ + n + c-e	Silent e keeps c soft /s/ (job 3)
10	sincerely	sīn-sēr-lē /sɪn'sɪr.li/	sin • cere • ly	Squeeze rule: base sincere + consonant suffix -ly
11	barely	bār-lē /'beər.li/	bare • ly	Squeeze rule: base bare (silent e kept) + -ly
12	safety	sāf-tē /'seɪf.ti/	safe • ty	Squeeze rule: base safe (silent e kept) + -ty
13	statement	stāt-mant /'steɪt.mənt/	state • ment	Squeeze rule: base state (silent e kept) + -ment
14	argue	ār-gyō /'ɑ:r.gju:/	ar • gue	Silent e prevents word ending in u (job 2)
15	arctic	ār-k-tik /'ɑ:rk.tɪk/	arc • tic	/k/ spelled c at end of multi-syllable word
H	wade	wād /weɪd/	w + ā + d-e	To walk through shallow water; homophone with weighed
H	weighed	wād /weɪd/	w + eigh + ed	Past tense of weigh; eigh says /eɪ/; homophone with wade

K Master Answer Key: Classification breakdown and homophone context solutions.

IRREGULAR PLURALS	SQUEEZE RULE SUFFIXES	/SH/ SPELLED <CI>	BASE & ENDING RULES
woman women children	finally sincerely barely safety statement	social special especially	final since argue arctic

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. wade (walk through shallow water) • b. weighed (measured heaviness)

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on squeeze rule suffixes and <ci> /sh/ words.

Sentence 1 (woman, children, safety, arctic) "The brave woman led the children to safety during the icy arctic storm."	Sentence 2 (final, statement, sincerely, argue) "He signed the final statement sincerely and promised not to argue anymore."
Sentence 3 (special, social, especially) "The teacher prepared a special social event especially for new students."	Sentence 4 (barely, wade, since) "She barely had time to wade across the stream before sunset."