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WEEK 14 • LEVEL B SPELLING LIST

Focus: Short /ĕ/ Spelled <ea> • /zh/ Spelled <su> • /er/ Spelled <ear> • Homophone Pairs

15 Words + 2 Homophone Pairs

1 Orthographic Handwriting Practice: Read each word aloud, identify the vowel digraph, and write it cleanly twice.

SHORT /Ē/ <EA> (BASE)	(WORDS 1–5)	MULTI-SYLLABLE /Ē/ <EA>	(WORDS 6–9)	/ER/ SPELLED <EAR>	(WORDS 10–15)
1 head	_____	6 wea•ther	_____	10 search	_____
2 bread	_____	7 mea•sure	_____	11 heard	_____
3 dead	_____	8 heav•y	_____	12 ear•ly	_____
4 death	_____	9 pleas•ant	_____	13 earth	_____
5 in•stead	_____	• /zh/ in measure	_____	14 learn	_____
				15 learned	_____

2 Phonics & Rule Sorting: Sort the spelling words into their phonogram categories below.

SHORT /Ē/ <EA> (1-SYLL)	(5 WORDS)	SHORT /Ē/ <EA> (MULTI)	(4 WORDS)	/ER/ SPELLED <EAR>	(6 WORDS)	/ZH/ • FINAL <-Y>	(3 WORDS)
1. _____		1. _____		1. _____		1. _____	
2. _____		2. _____		2. _____		2. _____	
3. _____		3. _____		3. _____		3. _____	
4. _____		4. _____		4. _____		_____	
5. _____				5. _____		_____	
				6. _____		_____	

3 Homophone Distinctions: Choose the correct homophone pair to complete each context sentence.

Pairs: weather / whether • heard / herd

a. We checked the morning forecast to decide _____ the rainy _____ would cancel our trip.

b. The cowboy _____ the loud rumbling hooves of the galloping cattle _____.

 RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 14

Rule 1 & 2 • Short /ĕ/ Spelled <ea> ea frequently says short /ĕ/ (head, bread, dead, death, weather, measure, heavy, pleasant).

Rule 3 • /zh/ Spelled <su> In measure, su represents the voiced postalveolar fricative /zh/ before unaccented -ure.

Rule 4 & 5 • /er/ Spelled <ear> The phonogram ear says /er/ as in search, heard, early, earth, learn, learned.

Rule 6 • Final <-y> Says /ĕ/ Unaccented final -y says long /ĕ/ in multi-syllable words (heav•y, ear•ly).

WEEK 14 • LEVEL B • LINGUISTIC KEY & GUIDE

Answer Key & Dictation

Digraph <ea> Dual Pronunciations (/ĕ/ & /er/) • /zh/ Phonics • Homophone Pairs

Linguistic & Syllable Decomposition Table:

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Structure	Orthographic & Teaching Notes
1	wea•ther	wĕth'ər / 'wɛð.ər/	wea • ther	/ĕ/ spelled ea; voiced th; ending in -er; homophone with whether
2	mea•sure	mĕzh'ər / 'mɛʒ.ər/	mea • sure	/ĕ/ spelled ea; su says /zh/
3	heav•y	hĕv'ĕ / 'hev.i/	heav • y	/ĕ/ spelled ea; final unaccented y says long /ē/
4	head	hĕd /hed/	h + ea + d	/ĕ/ spelled ea before d
5	bread	brĕd /bred/	br + ea + d	Blend br- + /ĕ/ spelled ea before d
6	dead	dĕd /ded/	d + ea + d	/ĕ/ spelled ea before d
7	death	dĕth /deθ/	d + ea + th	/ĕ/ spelled ea before unvoiced th
8	in•stead	ĭn-stĕd' / ɪn'sted/	in • stead	Prefix in- + base stead with /ĕ/ spelled ea
9	pleas•ant	plĕz'ənt / 'plez.ənt/	pleas • ant	/ĕ/ spelled ea; s says /z/; suffix -ant
10	search	sŭrch /sɑ:rtʃ/	s + ear + ch	/er/ spelled ear before ch
11	heard	hŭrd /hɑ:rd/	h + ear + d	/er/ spelled ear; past tense of hear; homophone with herd
12	ear•ly	ŕr'lĕ / 'ɜ:r.li/	ear • ly	/er/ spelled ear; final y says /ē/
13	earth	ŕrth /ɜ:rθ/	ear + th	/er/ spelled ear before unvoiced th
14	learn	lŭrn /lɑ:rn/	l + ear + n	/er/ spelled ear before n
15	learned	lŭrnd /lɑ:rnd/	learn + ed	Base learn + regular past tense suffix -ed
H	whether	wĕth'ər / 'wɛð.ər/	wh + e + ther	Conjunction expressing a choice; homophone with weather
H	herd	hŭrd /hɑ:rd/	h + er + d	A group of animals; homophone with heard

EXERCISE 2 & 3 VERIFICATION KEY

SHORT /Ē/ (1-SYLL)

head bread dead death instead

SHORT /Ē/ (MULTI)

weather measure heavy pleasant

/ER/ SPOELLED <EAR>

search heard early earth learn learned

/ZH/ & FINAL -Y

measure heavy early

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. whether / weather • b. heard / herd

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on <ea> pronouncing /ĕ/ and <ear> pronouncing /er/.

Sentence 1 (pleasant, weather, earth, early)
"The pleasant weather made it easy to search the earth early today."

Sentence 2 (heavy, bread, instead)
"He put the heavy loaf of warm bread on the kitchen table instead."

Sentence 3 (learned, measure, head)
"We learned how to measure the exact distance from head to toe."

Sentence 4 (heard, herd)
"She heard the large herd of cattle moving across the open field."