

STUDENT NAME: _____

DATE: _____

CLASS: _____

SCORE: _____

LESSON 119 • SOUND OF OI AS IN OIL (/ɔɪ/)12 OI WORDS • UNMARKED /ɔɪ/

Wheeler's Elementary Speller • Page 65

Vocalic Diphthong • Unmarked oi (/ɔɪ/) • Internal Word Position

“The sound of **oi** in oil is a diphthong glide from open back /ɔ/ to front /ɪ/. It is usually left unmarked in English spellers: **t-oi-l, b-oi-l, c-oi-n.**”

CONCEPT

Wheeler's 12 Core Words:
toil • soil • join • point • coil • spoil • coin • voice • boil • broil • joint • choice

1

12-Word Diphthong <oi> Orthographic Matrix

Copy the 12 target words in 4 balanced columns on the guidelines, underlining the **oi** diphthong in each word:

toil • soil • join

point • coil • spoil

coin • voice • boil

broil • joint • choice

2

Rime Family Sorting • -oil, -oin, -oint, -oice

Classify the words into their precise rime families on the lines below:

-oil family:
toil, soil, boil...

-oin family:
join, coin

-oint family:
point, joint

-oice family:
voice, choice

3

Soft C Orthographic Law in Voice & Choice

Explain why voice and choice end with silent final -e (Rule: silent 'e' softens 'c' to /s/):

1. Why is final silent -e necessary after letter c in voice?

2. Write an original sentence containing both voice and choice:

WHEELER'S ORTHOGRAPHY RULES • DIPHTHONG OI

1. 1. **Position Rule: vs** : Use **oi** in the middle of words and base syllables (boil, coin, join); use **oy** at the end of words (boy, joy, toy).

2. 2. **Diphthong Anatomy**: A diphthong is two vowel sounds blended into one speech syllable nucleus (/ɔɪ/). Both letters work together as an unbroken glide.

3. 3. **Soft C Rule**: The letter c followed by e, i, or y makes its soft /s/ sound: voice, choice, rejoice.

LESSON 119 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

LESSON 119 • TEACHER MASTER KEY

Wheeler's Elementary Speller • Page 65

TARGET WORD	PRONUNCIATION	RIME FAMILY	ORTHOGRAPHIC GUIDANCE
toil	/tɔɪl/	-oil family • Old French <i>toiler</i>	Root verb meaning diligent labor
coin	/kɔɪn/	-oin family • Latin <i>cuneus</i>	Initial hard c (/k/) + diphthong oi
voice	/vɔɪs/	-oice family • Latin <i>vox / vocis</i>	Silent -e prevents hard /k/ sound
point	/pɔɪnt/	-oint family • Latin <i>punctum</i>	Blend /nt/ coda following diphthong

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 (Matrix Copywork): All 12 words transcribed with diphthong *oi* underlined.

Exercise 2 (Rime Families):

- oil: toil, soil, coil, spoil, boil, broil.
- oin: join, coin.
- oint: point, joint.
- oice: voice, choice.

Exercise 3 (Soft C Rule & Sentence):

- Without silent final -e, the word would read *voic with a hard /k/ sound. Silent e softens c to /s/.
- Sample: "She spoke in a gentle **voice** when making her noble **choice**."

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Say 'oil', 'coin', and 'boy'. Why do we write 'oi' in 'coin' but 'oy' in 'boy'?
- What would happen to 'voice' if we erased the 'e' at the end?
- Can you think of a word that rhymes with 'boil' and starts with 'sp'?

DICTATION & ORAL APPLICATION SENTENCES (READ SLOWLY AT NORMAL SPEAKING PACE):

- The patient farmer must toil in the rich black soil from morning until night.
- He found a rare silver coin buried deep in the garden earth.
- Mother spoke in a quiet, gentle voice when she praised our neat handwriting.
- Water will boil quickly in the kettle over a brisk wood fire.