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LESSON 132 • REVIEW OF VOWEL SOUNDS & IRREGULAR /ɪ/

PRĚTTY • BĚĚN • BŮSY = /ɪ/

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Core Vowel Review & Words Often Mispronounced
16 Core Review Words: *grāve, flāme, scāle, trāce; frēeze, shiēld, gēese, slēeve; glīde, prīme, spīte, thrīve; clōak, grōan, thrōne, chōke.*

Orthoepic Clinic • Irregular /ɪ/: Certain common words use unexpected letters to represent the short /ɪ/ sound: **pretty** (/ˈprɪti/ — *e* sounds like short *i*), **been** (/bɪn/ — *ee* shortened), and **busy** / **business** (/ˈbɪzi/, /ˈbɪznəs/ — *u* sounds like short *i*).

CONCEPT

1

Vowel Sound Matrix Sorting • 16 Core Review Words
Sort the 16 words into four columns according to their long vowel sound (ā, ē, ī, ō):

Long A [ā]: *grave, flame, scale, trace*

Long E [ē]: *freeze, shield, geese, sleeve*

Long I [ī]: *glide, prime, spite, thrive*

Long O [ō]: *cloak, groan, throne, choke*

2

Irregular /ɪ/ Orthoepic Clinic • Penmanship & Pronunciation
Copy each irregular word on the 26px line. Mark the vowel representing short /ɪ/:

pretty (/ˈprɪti/) been (/bɪn/) busy (/ˈbɪzi/) business (/ˈbɪznəs/)

3

Contextual Sentences • Application
Complete the sentences using *shield*, *cloak*, *pretty*, *busy*:

1. The brave knight held up his sturdy bronze _____.

2. The _____ bees have _____ gathering honey all afternoon.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • LONG VOWELS & ANOMALIES

1. 1. **Silent E & Vowel Digraphs:** Long vowels are signaled either by a silent final *e* separated by a single consonant (*grave, glide, throne*) or by vowel digraphs (*shield, cloak, geese*).

2. 2. **The Irregular /ɪ/ Shift:** In **pretty**, the vowel *e* was historically raised to /ɪ/. In **busy**, the Old English *y* (/y/) developed into West Midland /ɪ/, preserved in spelling with *u*.

3. 3. **The Morphology of Business:** *Business* is formed from the adjective *busy* + noun suffix *-ness*. By the Consonant+Y Law, *y* changed to *i*, and pronunciation syncopated to two syllables (/ˈbɪznəs/).

LESSON 132 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	ORTHOGRAPHIC MARKER	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
pretty	/ˈprɪti/	e = /ɪ/	Old English <i>prættig</i> . Stress on first syllable; vowel pronounced short /ɪ/.
been	/biːn/	ee = /i:/	Past participle of <i>be</i> . Weak stress reduces long /i:/ to short /ɪ/ in standard speech.
busy	/ˈbɪzi/	u = /ɪ/	Old English <i>bysig</i> . West Midland dialect preserved letter <i>u</i> for sound /ɪ/.
business	/ˈbɪznəs/	u = /ɪ/, i = silent	Base <i>busy</i> + <i>-ness</i> . Syllable syncopation: pronounced in two syllables, not three.
shield	/ʃiːld/	ie = /i:/	Classic 'i before e except after c' digraph representing long /i:/.
cloak	/kloʊk/	oa = /oʊ/	Vowel digraph <i>oa</i> representing long /oʊ/ before consonant <i>k</i> .

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Review Matrix:

- Long A: grave, flame, scale, trace.
- Long E: freeze, shield, geese, sleeve.
- Long I: glide, prime, spite, thrive.
- Long O: cloak, groan, throne, choke.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- shield** (armor/protection).
- busy / been** (active state / past participle).

Pronunciation Alert: Prevent children from saying 'biz-ee-ness' (3 syllables); enforce 'biz-nəs' (2 syllables).

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Say 'pretty'. What vowel sound do you hear in the first syllable? What letter is written there?
- Look at 'busy' and 'business'. What letter makes the short /ɪ/ sound?
- Count the syllables in 'business' when you speak naturally. How many syllables do you hear?

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

- The busy bees have been gathering clover honey all day.
- She wore a pretty blue cloak over her woolen dress.
- The king sat upon a golden throne in the great palace.
- Water will freeze into solid ice during the cold winter night.