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LESSON 134 • CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORY LYRIC & DOUBLING LAW

SHÖP → SHÖPPER • SLĒĒP → SLĒĒPY

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Classic Memory Lyric • Christmas Eve Recitation
“Oh, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight, and the Christmas air is chill, / And the frosty Christmas holly shines and sparkles on the hill, / And the Christmas sleigh-bells jingle, and the Christmas laughter rings, / As the last stray shoppers hurry, taking home the Christmas things.”

CONCEPT

Wheeler's Doubling Law Inquiry: Why is the *p* doubled in **shoppers**, while in **sleepy** there is only one *p*?

1

Poetic Recitation Copywork • Christmas Eve Lyric
Write the opening lines of the poem neatly on the 26px handwriting lines:
Oh, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight, and the Christmas air is chill,
And the frosty Christmas holly shines and sparkles on the hill.

2

Wheeler's Doubling Law Studio • Short Vowel vs. Vowel Digraph
Analyze each word and apply the 1-1-1 Doubling Rule:
shop + -er → shopper (1 syllable, 1 short vowel, 1 final consonant → double p)
sleep + -y → sleepy (vowel digraph ee is long → do NOT double p)
run + -ing → running frost + -y → frosty (2 consonants → no doubling)

3

Seasonal Vocabulary & Proper Capitalization
Copy the seasonal terms, noting that *Christmas* is always capitalized:
Christmas sleigh-bells holly shoppers trundle bed

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • THE DOUBLING LAW

1. 1. The 1-1-1 Doubling Rule: A word of 1 syllable, with 1 single short vowel, ending in 1 consonant doubles that consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel: shop → shopper, run → running.

2. 2. Protection by Vowel Digraph: When a base word contains a vowel digraph or long vowel (ee, ea, oo), the final consonant is already protected and is NEVER doubled: sleep → sleepy, keep → keeper.

3. 3. Capitalization of Sacred Names: Christmas derives from Old English Crīstes mæsse (Christ's Mass). Because it contains the proper name Christ, it must always begin with a capital letter.

LESSON 134 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	BASE + SUFFIX	ORTHOGRAPHIC PRINCIPLE
shopper	/ˈʃɒpər/	shop + -er	1-1-1 rule: short /ɒ/ + single p doubles before vowel suffix.
sleepy	/ˈsliːpi/	sleep + -y	Digraph ee represents long /i:/; consonant p remains single.
Christmas	/ˈkrɪsməs/	Christ + mass	Silent t; initial ch = /k/; always capitalized.
holly	/ˈhɒli/	Old English <i>holegn</i>	Double ll preserves short /ɒ/ vowel sound.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 2 Orthographic Analysis:

- shop + -er → shopper: 1 syllable, short /ɒ/, single p → double p.
- sleep + -y → sleepy: Digraph ee → single p.
- run + -ing → running: 1-1-1 rule applies.
- frost + -y → frosty: Ends in two consonants (-st) → no doubling.

Recitation & Metric Guidance:

The poem uses anapestic meter mimicking sleigh-bells.

Socratic Clarification: Ensure students understand that doubling is for the protection of short vowels.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Why is the 'p' doubled in 'shopper'? What would it say if we wrote only one 'p' ('shoper')?
- Look at 'sleepy'. Why don't we write two 'p's there? What vowel sound do you hear?
- What letter is silent in the word 'Christmas'?

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

- The frosty Christmas holly sparkles brightly upon the hill.
- Last stray shoppers hurry through the chilly evening air.
- The little curly head fell fast asleep in the trundle bed.
- Silver sleigh-bells jingle as the horses trot over the snow.