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LESSON 137 • REVIEW OF VOWEL SOUNDS & DIPHTHONGS

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16 Core Test Words • Diphthongs and Consonant Blends

A **diphthong** is a complex vowel sound that begins at one vowel position and glides to another within the same syllable (e.g., /ɔɪ/ in *voice*, /aʊ/ in *crown* and *ground*).

CONCEPT

- Group 1 (/ɔɪ/): *voice, noise, choice, spoil*
- Group 2 (/aʊ/ with **ow**): *crown, frown, drown, clown*
- Group 3 (/aʊ/ with **ou**): *bound, found, ground, mound*
- Group 4 (qu/wh/ph): *quench, quail, wheat, phrase*

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4-Column Orthoepic Matrix Sorting • 16 Core Review Words

Write each of the 16 words in its designated phonetic family:

Diphthong [ɔɪ]: *voice, noise, choice, spoil*

Diphthong [aʊ]: *crown, frown, drown, clown*

Diphthong [aʊ]: *bound, found, ground, mound*

Consonant Blends: *quench, quail, wheat, phrase*

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Penmanship Track • Diacritical & Blend Observation

Copy the model words neatly on the standard 26px lines:

voice choice crown ground quench wheat

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Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank with an appropriate review word:

1. The golden _____ rested majestically upon the monarch's head.

2. Cool well water will _____ the thirsty traveler's thirst.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • DIPHTHONGS & DIGRAPHS

1. 1. **Diphthongs OI and OY:** The diphthong /ɔɪ/ is spelled **oi** in the interior of syllables (*voice, choice, spoil*), and **oy** at the end of syllables or words (*boy, joy, royal*).

2. 2. **Diphthongs OU and OW:** The diphthong /aʊ/ is spelled **ou** medially (*found, ground*) and **ow** before final *n* or *l* (*crown, brown, owl*) or at the end of words (*cow, now*).

3. 3. **The Inseparable QU:** In English words, the letter *q* is never written alone; it is always followed by *u*, representing the consonant blend /kw/ as in *quench, quail, queen*.

LESSON 137 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	PHONETIC CATEGORY	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
voice	/vɔɪs/	Diphthong oi	Soft c before silent final e (/s/). Diphthong /ɔɪ/.
crown	/kraʊn/	Diphthong ow	Diphthong /aʊ/ followed by n. Contrast with long /oʊ/ in <i>blown</i> , <i>flown</i> .
ground	/graʊnd/	Diphthong ou	Base word with /aʊ/. Past tense of <i>grind</i> or noun for earth.
quench	/kwentʃ/	Consonant blend qu-	Blend /kw/ + short /ɛ/ + affricate /tʃ/.
wheat	/hwi:t/	Consonant digraph wh-	Voiceless labial-velar fricative /hw/ + long /i:/.
phrase	/freɪz/	Consonant digraph ph-	Digraph <i>ph</i> = /f/; voiced <i>s</i> = /z/ before silent <i>e</i> .

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Sorting:

- oi: voice, noise, choice, spoil.
- ow: crown, frown, drown, clown.
- ou: bound, found, ground, mound.
- Blends: quench, quail, wheat, phrase.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- crown** (regal headpiece).
- quench** (satisfy thirst).

Phonetic Clinic: Have children contrast /ɔɪ/ in *choice* with /aʊ/ in *ground*.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- What two letters make the /ɔɪ/ sound in 'spoil' and 'voice'? Why don't we use 'oy' here?
- Look at 'quench'. Can the letter 'q' ever stand alone in an English word without 'u'?
- How does your mouth move when saying the diphthong in 'crown' and 'ground'?

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

- A gentle voice speaks softly in the quiet room.
- Golden wheat swayed gently across the fertile ground.
- Clear cold water will quench the workman's thirst.
- The wise king wore a heavy crown of pure gold.