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LESSON 143 • WINTER DICTATION & VOWEL MARKINGS

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Seasonal Orthography • 16 Core Winter Test Words

Wheeler's Directive: Write the winter vocabulary words from oral dictation, copy each word neatly on its 26px line, and mark the vowel sounds with appropriate macrons, breves, and tildes.

16 Winter Words: winter, frost, freeze, skate, sled, snow, drift, storm, icicle, blizzard, chill, cold, wind, coat, boots, sharp.

CONCEPT

1

Winter Word Bank & Diacritical Markings • 26px Track

Write each word from dictation and mark the long (macron) or short (breve) vowels:

wĭn-ter fröst frĒĒze skāte slĕd snōw

drĭft stŏrm ī-ci-cle blĭz-zard chĭll cŏld

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Oral Dictation Sentence Copywork

Copy the dictated winter sentences neatly on the handwriting lines:

The winter frost was white upon the freeze of the pond.

The children take their sled and skate upon the smooth ice.

3

Phonic Classification Studio • Short vs. Long Vowels

Sort words into Short Vowels (breve) and Long Vowels (macron):

Short [ă, ě, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ]: winter, frost, sled, drift, blizzard, chill

Long [ā, ē, ī, ō, ū]: freeze, skate, snow, icicle, cold, coat

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • DIACRITICS IN WINTER PHONICS

1. 1. Macron for Long Vowels: A horizontal bar (macron) placed above a vowel shows that it says its own alphabet name: skāte, frĒĒze, cōld.

2. 2. Breve for Short Vowels: A curved mark (breve) above a vowel indicates its short sound: wĭnter, fröst, slĕd, chĭll.

3. 3. The Vowel Digraph OW in Snow: In snow, the digraph ow represents long /ou/. Note the contrasting sound of ow in clown (/au/).

LESSON 143 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	DIACRITICAL KEY	ETYMOLOGY & TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
winter	/ˈwɪntər/	wĭn-tĕr	Old English <i>winter</i> . Breve over i, tilde over e before r.
frost	/frɒst/	frōst	Old English <i>frost</i> . Breve over o.
freeze	/friːz/	frēēze	Old English <i>frēosan</i> . Macron over ee; silent final e.
skate	/skeɪt/	skāte	Dutch <i>schaats</i> . Macron over a; silent e signals long vowel.
snow	/snoʊ/	snōw	Old English <i>snāw</i> . Macron over o; w forms vowel team.
icicle	/ˈaɪsɪkəl/	ī-cī-cle	Old English <i>īsgice</i> ! (ice piece). Long i in first syllable.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Diacritical Guide:

- Short: wĭnter, frōst, slĕd, drĭft, chĭll.
- Long: frēēze, skāte, snōw, īcicle, cōld, cōat.
- Circumflex/Tilde: stōrm, wĭntĕr, blĭzzārd.

Dictation Administration:

Pronounce each word distinctly once, then use in a sentence, then repeat the word.

Have students mark the macron or breve before writing the next word.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Say 'skate' and 'sled'. Which word has a long vowel that says its name? What mark do we put over it?
- What happens to water in winter when the air is below freezing?
- Look at the word 'freeze'. What two letters make the long /i:/ sound?

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

- The winter frost was white upon the freeze.
- The boys take their sled and skate upon the ice.
- A sharp cold wind blew snow into a deep drift.
- Icicles hung sparkling from the roof of the barn.