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LESSON 154 • REVIEW OF 20 TEST WORDS: ŌŌ, OW, Ē/Ī, AND Û

ŌŌ • OW • Ē/Ī • Û = 20 WORDS

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Comprehensive Orthoepic Review • 4 Distinct Phonetic Families

20 Core Review Words:

1. Long ōō (/u:/): cool, pool, roof, shoot, smooth

2. Diphthong ow (/aʊ/): down, gown, crowd, drown, brown

3. Vowel Tilde ē/ī (/ɜ:r/): fern, herd, berth, bird, shirt

4. Vowel Circumflex û (/ɜ:r/): burn, turn, hurt, curl, church

CONCEPT

Orthoepic Notice: Observe that ē, ī, and û all produce the same English sound /ɜ:r/ before r.

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4-Column Family Classification • 20 Words

Write the 20 words neatly under their designated phonetic heading:

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Penmanship & Diacritical Markings • 26px Track

Copy the target pairs with proper macrons, tildes, and circumflexes:

cōōl pōōl brōwn gōwn grēēn fērn būrn & tūrn

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Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank using words from the review list:

1. The shepherd led his gentle _____ to the _____ spring.

2. Autumn leaves _____ red and _____ in the frosty air.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • REVIEW FAMILIES

1. 1. Long OO Digraph: The digraph oo marked with a macron (ōō) produces the long sound /u:/ as in moon, pool, roof, shoot.

2. 2. Diphthong OW: The combination ow represents the diphthong /aʊ/ before n and d (down, crowd, brown). Contrast with long ōw in snow.

3. 3. The R-Controlled Triad: Before the consonant r, the vowels e (fērn), i (bīrd), and u (būrnrn) merge into the exact same vocalic sound /ɜ:r/.

LESSON 154 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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CATEGORY	PHONETIC KEY	TARGET VOCABULARY (5 WORDS EACH)	PEDAGOGICAL NOTE
Long ôô	/u:/	cool, pool, roof, shoot, smooth	Long macron over oo; contrast with short ôô in <i>look, book</i> .
Diphthong ow	/au/	down, gown, crowd, drown, brown	Diphthong /au/ gliding from /a/ to /u/.
Tilde ê/î	/ɜ:r/	fern, herd, berth, bird, shirt	Wavy tilde mark indicates r-colored vowel.
Circumflex û	/ɜ:r/	burn, turn, hurt, curl, church	Circumflex mark indicates u followed by r.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Sorting Key:

- ôô: cool, pool, roof, shoot, smooth.
- ow: down, gown, crowd, drown, brown.
- ê/î: fern, herd, berth, bird, shirt.
- û: burn, turn, hurt, curl, church.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- herd / cool.**
- turn / brown.**

Phonic Drill: Contrast *berth* (sleeping place) with *birth* (being born), both pronounced identically (/bɜ:rθ/).

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Say 'fern', 'bird', and 'burn'. How do the vowel sounds compare? Why are they spelled with different vowels?
- What sound does 'ow' make in 'brown' and 'down'?
- What other sound can 'oo' make besides the sound in 'pool'?

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

- The cool water in the deep pool was smooth as glass.
- A little brown bird sang sweetly from the tall green fern.
- Dry pine branches burn with crackling sparks and turn to ash.
- The lady wore a lovely brown silk gown to church.