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LESSON 155 • REVIEW OF 16 TEST WORDS: Ä, Ȧ, OU, AND ĚA

Ä • Ȧ • OU • ĚA = 16 WORDS

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Advanced Phonic Review • 4 Specialized Vowel Teams

16 Core Review Words:

1. Italian ä (/a: /): far, star, yard, hard

2. Broad ȧ (/ɔ: /): all, ball, call, wall

3. Diphthong ou (/aʊ /): shout, loud, round, sound

4. Short ěa (/ɛ /): bread, head, dead, thread

CONCEPT

Wheeler's Rule: The Italian ä (two dots above) is heard in far, star. Broad ȧ (dot below) is heard in all, ball. Short ěa uses the digraph ea to represent short /ɛ/ as in bread.

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4-Column Family Classification • 16 Words

Classify the 16 words into their proper phonetic group:

Italian ä: far, star, yard, hard Broad ȧ: all, ball, call, wall

Diphthong ou: shout, loud, round, sound Short ěa: bread, head, dead, thread

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Penmanship & Diacritical Markings • 26px Track

Copy the model pairs, placing two dots over Italian ä and a breve over ěa:

stȧr & yȧrd all ȧlȧng the wall lȧũd shȧũt brȧd & thrȧd

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Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank using words from the list:

1. Mother cut a fresh loaf of warm _____ with the sharp knife.

2. A bright golden _____ shone in the sky above the barn _____.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • SPECIALIZED VOWEL TEAMS

1. 1. Italian Ä (/a:/): Represented by two dots above the letter a (ä). Occurs naturally before r in monosyllables: far, star, yard, hard.

2. 2. Broad Ȧ (/ɔ:/): Marked with a single dot below (ȧ). The vowel a takes this broad sound before double ll: all, ball, call, wall.

3. 3. The Short EA Digraph: While ea normally sounds long /i:/ (meat, seat), in a small group of words it underwent historical shortening to /ɛ/ (bread, head, thread).

LESSON 155 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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CATEGORY	IPA	WORDS	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
Italian ä	/a:/	far, star, yard, hard	Two dots above a; open back unrounded vowel.
Broad ą	/ɔ:/	all, ball, call, wall	Dot below a; open-mid back rounded vowel before ll.
Diphthong ou	/au/	shout, loud, round, sound	Vowel team ou producing glide /au/.
Short ěa	/ɛ/	bread, head, dead, thread	Breve over e, a silent. Historical vowel shortening.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Sorting Key:

- Italian ä: far, star, yard, hard.
- Broad ą: all, ball, call, wall.
- Diphthong ou: shout, loud, round, sound.
- Short ěa: bread, head, dead, thread.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- bread (food staple).
- star / yard.

Historical Note: Contrast bread (/bred/) with homophone bred (reared), sharing the exact same sound.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- What sound does the 'a' make in 'all' and 'ball'? Is it short 'a' or broad 'a'?
- Look at 'bread'. What two vowels are written there? What sound do they make together?
- What do the two dots above 'ä' in 'star' tell us to do with our mouth?

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

- A bright star shone far above the quiet garden yard.
- All the children threw the ball against the brick wall.
- A loud shout was heard as the carriage rolled round the bend.
- Mother baked warm loaves of white bread and brown rolls.