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LESSON 157 • 12 VOCABULARY & SPELLING WORDS IN -CK

SHORT VOWEL + -CK (/K/)

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Orthographic Mastery • 12 Target Monosyllables in -ck

Wheeler presents 12 essential monosyllables ending in **-ck**, reinforcing the cardinal rule that /k/ after a short vowel is spelled with the digraph **ck**:

pack, track, black

flock, shock, lock

brick, trick, stick

duck, truck, struck

CONCEPT

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12 Target Words Penmanship Track • 26px Standard Track

Copy the 12 words neatly, grouping them by vowel family:

pack • track • black

flock • shock • lock

brick • trick • stick

duck • truck • struck

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Wheeler's 4-Word Application • Sentence Studio

Wheeler's Directive: "Write four original sentences, each containing one of the target words."

1. [flock]: A large flock of wild geese flew south for winter.

2. [struck]: The village clock struck twelve in the quiet night.

3. [track]: The boy followed the deer's track through the fresh snow.

4. [brick]: The mason built a sturdy brick wall around the orchard.

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Consonant Blend Analysis

Identify the initial blend in each word: track, black, flock, brick, struck:

tr- (track) • bl- (black) • fl- (flock) • br- (brick) • str- (struck)

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • TERMINAL CK & BLENDS

1. 1. **Digraph CK Stability:** The combination **-ck** provides a stable terminal spelling for the /k/ sound following any of the five short vowels (ā, ē, ī, ō, ŭ).

2. 2. **Initial Consonant Blends:** Notice how blends of two consonants (*bl-*, *fl-*, *tr-*, *br-*) and three consonants (*str-* in *struck*) precede the short vowel without altering its quality.

3. 3. **Irregular Strong Verb: Struck:** **struck** is the irregular past tense of *strike* (ablaut mutation: *strike* → *struck*), adopting the short ŭ + -ck pattern.

LESSON 157 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	INITIAL BLEND	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
flock	/flɒk/	fl-	Group of sheep or birds. Short o + -ck.
struck	/strʌk/	str-	Three-letter consonant blend str- + short u + -ck.
brick	/brɪk/	br-	Building block made of fired clay. Short i + -ck.
track	/træk/	tr-	Footprint or path. Short a + -ck.
shock	/ʃɒk/	sh-	Digraph sh- + short o + -ck.
trick	/trɪk/	tr-	Clever act or deceit. Short i + -ck.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Vowel Families:

- ack: pack, track, black.
- ock: flock, shock, lock.
- ick: brick, trick, stick.
- uck: duck, truck, struck.

Exercise 2 Evaluation:

Verify that student sentences contain:

- Complete subject and verb.
- Target -ck word used correctly in context.
- Proper capitalization and punctuation.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- How many letters are in the blend at the start of 'struck'? Can you say each sound?
- What word describes a group of sheep or birds? How is it spelled?
- What letter makes the /k/ sound in 'brick'? Why isn't it spelled with a 'c' alone?

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

- A large flock of sheep grazed quietly on the green hill.
- The lightning struck the tall oak tree during the storm.
- The boy followed the rabbit's track into the thick woods.
- Father built a new red brick chimney for the cottage.