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LESSON 158 • SHORT A IN DISSYLLABLES (Ä AS IN HAT) **HÄN-DLE • CÄT-TLE = /Æ/**

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Two-Syllable Phonics Clinic • Short ä in Accented First Syllables

A dissyllable is a word of two syllables. In this lesson, the first syllable is accented and contains the short a sound (ä):

12 Target Dissyllables: hän-dle, cän-dle, cät-tle, bät-tle, räb-bit, häb-it, pän-try, träv-el, gäl-lon, dräg-on, shäd-ow, när-row.

CONCEPT

1

Syllabication & Penmanship Track • 26px Standard Track

Copy the 12 dissyllables, dividing between syllables with a hyphen:

han-dle • can-dle • cat-tle • bat-tle • rab-bit • hab-it

pan-try • trav-el • gal-lon • drag-on • shad-ow • nar-row

2

Geminate Consonant Analysis • Double Letters Keep Vowels Short

Identify the doubled consonant that keeps the ä short:

cattle (tt) • battle (tt) • rabbit (bb) • gallon (ll) • narrow (rr)

3

Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank with a target dissyllable:

1. The wax _____ burned brightly upon the bedside table.

2. The dairy farmer led his herd of dairy _____ to pasture.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • SHORT A DISSYLLABLES

1. 1. **Accent on the Penult:** In standard English dissyllables of Germanic origin, the accent almost always falls upon the first syllable (the penult): *HÄN-dle, CÄT-tle*.

2. 2. **Double Consonant Protection:** When two identical consonants follow a vowel (*rabbit, cattle, gallon*), they indicate that the preceding vowel is short.

3. 3. **Syllabic -le:** In *handle, candle, cattle, battle*, the final -le forms an unaccented syllable where e is silent and l carries the vocalic beat (/əl/).

LESSON 158 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

ORTHOEPY • DISSYLLABLES • SYLLABICATION

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WORD	IPA	SYLLABICATION	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
candle	/ˈkændəl/	can-dle	Short ă closed by n; final syllabic -le.
cattle	/ˈkætl̩/	cat-tle	Geminate tt divides syllables; short ă.
rabbit	/ˈræbɪt/	rab-bit	Geminate bb divides syllables; short ĭ in second syllable.
gallon	/ˈgælən/	gal-lon	Unit of liquid measure. Double ll protects short ă.
shadow	/ˈʃædəʊ/	shad-ow	Terminal digraph -ow represents long /oʊ/.
narrow	/ˈnæroʊ/	nar-row	Double rr protects short ă; terminal -ow.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Syllabication:

- han-dle, can-dle, cat-tle, bat-tle.
- rab-bit, hab-it, pan-try, trav-el.
- gal-lon, drag-on, shad-ow, nar-row.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- candle** (lighting instrument).
- cattle** (bovine livestock).

Syllable Division Rule: Divide between twin consonants (*rab-bit, cat-tle*).

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Say 'candle'. How many syllables do you hear? Which syllable is accented?
- Why is 'rabbit' spelled with two 'b's? What would it look like with one?
- Look at 'shadow'. What sound does the 'ow' make at the end?

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

- The wax candle burned brightly in the dark room.
- A timid wild rabbit hopped across the narrow garden path.
- The farmer brought a gallon of fresh milk from the pantry.
- The tall oak tree cast a cool shadow over the cattle.