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Short ɔ Dissyllables • Plural of Folly • Memory Lesson: Margaret E. Sangster

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Part 1: Lesson 163 • Short ɔ as in not, marked ɔ (12 Words)

SHORT ɔ DISSYLLABLES • 26PX TRACKS

pocket /'pɑ:kɪt/ n. small pouch in clothing	folly /'fɑ:li/ n. lack of good sense; foolishness	modest /'mɔ:dɪst/ adj. humble; unassuming	onward /'ɑ:nwɔrd/ adv. moving forward ahead
proper /'prɑ:pər/ adj. correct, fitting, suitable	jolly /'dʒɑ:li/ adj. cheerful and merry	Robert /'rɑ:bərt/ prop n. boy's name (bright fame)	ponder /'pɑ:ndər/ v. weigh deeply in mind
conduct /'kɑ:ndʌkt/ n. personal behavior; manner	fondle /'fɑ:ndəl/ v. stroke gently with affection	follow /'fɑ:ləʊ/ v. go or come after; obey	prosper /'prɑ:spər/ v. thrive, succeed, flourish

Wheeler's Inquiry: What is the plural form of **folly**? (Apply rule for consonant + y): _____

Part 2: Lesson 164 • Memory Lesson: Margaret E. Sangster

MEMORY GEMS • POETIC RECITATION

Pray, where do the Old Years go, mamma,
When their work is over and done?
Does some one tuck them away to sleep,
Quite out of the sight of the sun?

Was there ever a year that made a mistake,
And stayed when its time was o'er,
Till it had to hurry its poor old feet,
When the New Year knocked at the door?

— MARGARET E. SANGSTER (1838–1912)

Poetic Study Notes:

- **o'er**: Poetic contraction for *over*.
- **knocked**: Silent **k**- + base *knock* + *-ed*.
- **mamma**: Classical familial term of affection.
- **mistake**: Review word from Lesson 162.

Transcribe the opening question from memory onto standard 26px handwriting tracks:

Part 3: Suffix Mechanics • Add -ed and -ing to “hurry”

MORPHOLOGY • Y TO I RULE

1. Add -ed to hurry (apply vowel suffix change):

hurry + -ed → (write derived word below)

2. Add -ing to hurry (apply participle rule):

hurry + -ing → (write derived word below)

Sentence Application: Compose a sentence with **hurried** or **hurrying**:

Section 1: Closed Syllables, Plural Inflection & The Suffixation of Final -y

ORTHOGRAPHY • INFLECTION LAWS

Short ă in Closed Dissyllables & Plurals:

- **Short ă (/ă:/):** In closed syllables followed by doubled consonants or clusters (*folly, jolly, pocket, ponder, prosper*), the vowel is short.
- **Plural of folly → follies:** Wheeler reinforces the master consonant + y rule taught in Lesson 158 (*penny → pennies, candy → candies*). When y is preceded by a consonant, change y to i and add -es.
- **Proper Capitalization:** *Robert* is a Germanic dithematic name (*hrod* fame + *beraht* bright).

Morphology of “hurry” & Sangster’s Lyric:

- **hurry + ed → hurried:** Consonant + y changes to i before vowel suffixes beginning with -e.
- **hurry + ing → hurrying:** The y is retained before -ing to avoid the illegal double vowel *hurriing.
- **Margaret E. Sangster** (1838–1912): Influential American poet and editor of *Harper’s Bazaar*. Her poem personifies the passing Old Year yielding gracefully to the New Year.

Section 2: Complete Word Analysis & Phonetic Key (14 Words)

IPA • SYLLABICATION • ETYMOLOGY

WORD	IPA	SYLLABLES	PHONOLOGICAL STRUCTURE & ETYMOLOGICAL RULE
pocket	/ˈpɑːkɪt/	pock • et	Diminutive of Norman French <i>poke</i> (bag). Short ă protected by <i>ck</i> .
folly	/ˈfɑːli/	fol • ly	OF <i>folie</i> . Doubled -ll- marks short ă; plural is <i>follies</i> .
modest	/ˈmɑːdɪst/	mod • est	Latin <i>modestus</i> (keeping due measure). Short ă in open-looking accent.
onward	/ˈɑːnwɜːd/	on • ward	Base <i>on</i> + directional suffix -ward (/wɜːd/).
proper	/ˈprɑːpər/	prop • er	Latin <i>proprius</i> (one's own). Short ă; agent/comparative shape.
jolly	/ˈdʒɑːli/	jol • ly	OF <i>jolif</i> (merry, festive). Doubled -ll- protects short ă.
Robert	/ˈrɑːbərt/	Rob • ert	Proper noun; requires initial capital. Germanic <i>Hrodebert</i> (bright fame).
ponder	/ˈpɑːndər/	pon • der	Latin <i>ponderare</i> (to weigh). Short ă before nasal cluster <i>nd</i> .
conduct	/ˈkɑːndʌkt/	con • duct	Noun: accent on first syllable (/ˈkɑːn-/); Latin <i>conducere</i> (to lead together).
fondle	/ˈfɑːndəl/	fon • dle	Frequentative of <i>fond</i> . Consonant + <i>le</i> syllable (/dəl/).
follow	/ˈfɑːlou/	fol • low	OE <i>folgian</i> . Doubled -ll-; terminal -ow = /ou/.
prosper	/ˈprɑːspər/	pros • per	Latin <i>prosperare</i> (to make fortunate). Cluster <i>sp</i> closes first syllable.
hurried	/ˈhʌːrɪd/	hur • ried	Past tense of <i>hurry</i> ; y changes to i before suffix -ed.
hurrying	/ˈhʌːrɪŋ/	hur • ry • ing	Participle of <i>hurry</i> ; y is retained before -ing.

Section 3: Master Oral Dictation Script, Socratic Inquiry & Rubric

DICTIONATION • SOCRATIC • 20-PT RUBRIC

Oral Dictation Sentences:

1. “Robert kept his silver watch in a deep pocket.”
2. “A modest child shows proper conduct at school.”
3. “It is sheer folly to waste precious hours.”
4. “Let us ponder the lesson and march onward.”
5. “The jolly shepherd will prosper in his labor.”
6. “The Old Year hurried away as the New Year knocked.”

Socratic Inquiry Key:

- **Q:** “What rule governs the plural of *folly*?”
A: “Since *folly* ends in a consonant followed by y, change the y to i and add -es, making *follies*.”
- **Q:** “Why do we change y to i in *hurried*, but keep y in *hurrying*?”
A: “We change y to i before -ed, but before -ing we keep the y so we do not have two i’s side by side (*hurriing).”
- **Q:** “What does the word *o’er* mean in Sangster’s poem?”
A: “It is a poetic contraction for *over*, with the apostrophe standing for the omitted letter v.”

Scoring Rubric (20 Pts):

- **1. Short ă Orthography (5 pts):**
Flawless spelling of all 12 vocabulary words and proper noun *Robert*.
- **2. Inflection Mechanics (5 pts):**
Accurate derivation of *folly* → *follies* and *hurried* / *hurrying*.
- **3. Memory Transcription (5 pts):**
Faithful recall and punctuation of Sangster’s poetic stanza.
- **4. Penmanship & Syntax (5 pts):**
Strict 26px line discipline with 13px dashed midlines; neat sentence creation.

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Developing: 12–14 | Emerging: <12