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LESSON 165 • SHORT U IN DISSYLLABLES (Ū AS IN TUB) **BŪT-TER • SŪP-PER = /ʌ/**

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

In these 12 dissyllables, the primary accent falls upon the initial syllable, containing the **short u sound (ŭ)**:

12 Target Dissyllables: *būt-ter, sūp-per, sūm-mer, nūm-ber, slūm-ber, thūn-der, mūt-ton, būt-ton, rūd-der, lād-der, būn-dle, tūm-ble.*

CONCEPT

1

Syllabication & Penmanship Track • 26px Standard Track

Copy the 12 dissyllables, dividing between syllables:

būt-ter • sup-per • sum-mer • num-ber • slum-ber • thun-der

mut-ton • but-ton • rud-der • lad-der • bun-dle • tum-ble

2

Twin Consonant Splitting Analysis

Observe how twin consonants split to protect short ū:

būt-ter (tt) • sup-per (pp) • sum-mer (mm) • mūt-ton (tt) • rud-der (dd)

3

Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank with an appropriate dissyllable:

1. Loud rolling _____ echoed across the sky during the _____ storm.

2. Mother spread sweet yellow _____ upon our warm bread at _____.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • SHORT U DISSYLLABLES

1. 1. Short U Before Twin Consonants: The short vowel u is protected by geminate consonants: *būt-ter, sup-per, sum-mer, rud-der*. Never drop a double letter in these words.

2. 2. Suffix -on in Button & Mutton: In **button** and **mutton**, the unaccented terminal -on is reduced to /ən/ with a syllabic nasal.

3. 3. Medial Blends in Number & Slumber: In *number* and *slumber*, the short vowel is closed by *m* before the voiced stop *b*, dividing as *num-ber, slum-ber*.

LESSON 165 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	SYLLABICATION	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
butter	/ˈbʌtər/	but-ter	Double tt splits syllables; short ū.
supper	/ˈsʌpər/	sup-per	Evening meal. Double pp splits syllables.
summer	/ˈsʌməər/	sum-mer	Double mm splits syllables.
thunder	/ˈθʌndər/	thun-der	Voiceless th- + short u closed by n.
button	/ˈbʌtən/	but-ton	Double tt; unaccented terminal -on.
slumber	/ˈslʌmbər/	slum-ber	Poetic word for sleep. m closed syllable.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Syllabication:

- but-ter, sup-per, sum-mer, num-ber.
- slum-ber, thun-der, mut-ton, but-ton.
- rud-der, lad-der, bun-dle, tum-ble.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

1. **thunder / summer.**
2. **butter / supper.**

Syllabication Drill: Enforce clear division between identical twin consonants:
but-ter.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Why is 'butter' spelled with two 't's? What would happen if we used only one?
- Look at 'thunder'. What two letters make the beginning sound?
- How do we divide 'num-ber' into syllables?

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

1. Mother served fresh bread and golden butter for supper.
2. Distant thunder rolled across the dark summer hills.
3. The weary child fell into a peaceful, sweet slumber.
4. Fasten the top button of your warm winter coat.