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LESSON 172 • LONG I IN OPEN DISSYLLABLES (Ī AS IN PINE)

SPI-DER • CĪ-DER = /AI/

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Open Syllable Law • Long ī Ending an Accented First Syllable

When an accented syllable ends with the letter *i*, the vowel is 'open' and sounds long (ī):

12 Target Dissyllables: spi-der, ci-der, ti-ger, vi-per, si-lence, Fri-day, gi-ant, qui-et, li-lac, pi-lot, mi-nus, cli-mate.

CONCEPT

1

Syllabication & Penmanship Track • 26px Standard Track

Copy the 12 dissyllables, dividing between syllables:

spi-der • ci-der • ti-ger • vi-per • si-lence • Fri-day

gi-ant • qui-et • li-lac • pi-lot • mi-nus • cli-mate

2

Open vs. Closed Syllable Contrast

Observe how a single consonant leaves the *i* long:

ci-der (open = long ī) vs. cin-der (closed = short ĭ)

ti-ger (open = long ī) vs. trig-ger (closed = short ĭ)

3

Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank with an appropriate dissyllable:

1. The busy _____ spun an intricate silver web in complete _____.

2. Sweet apple _____ was pressed on the farm every _____.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • LONG I DISSYLLABLES

1. 1. Open Syllable Long I: When a single consonant separates the first vowel from the second syllable, the consonant joins the second syllable, leaving *i* open and long: spi-der, ti-ger.

2. 2. Soft C in Cider & Silence: The letter *c* before *i* and *e* is soft (/s/): ci-der, si-lence.

3. 3. Soft G in Giant: In giant, the letter *g* before *i* is soft, taking the affricate sound /dʒ/.

LESSON 172 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	SYLLABICATION	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
spider	/ˈspɑɪdər/	spi-der	Old English <i>spīþra</i> (spinner). Open first syllable.
cider	/ˈsaɪdər/	ci-der	Soft c = /s/. Open syllable: long Ī.
tiger	/ˈtaɪgər/	ti-ger	Hard g joins second syllable; ti- is open.
silence	/ˈsaɪləns/	si-lence	Latin <i>silentium</i> . Soft c before final silent e.
Friday	/ˈfraɪdeɪ/	Fri-day	Old English <i>Frīġedæġ</i> (day of Frigg). Always capitalized.
quiet	/ˈkwaɪət/	qui-et	Blend qu- + long i + separate vowel syllable -et.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Syllabication:

- spi-der, ci-der, ti-ger, vi-per.
- si-lence, Fri-day, gi-ant, qui-et.
- li-lac, pi-lot, mi-nus, cli-mate.

All 12 feature open accented first syllables.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

1. **spider** / **silence**.
2. **cider** / **Friday**.

Capitalization Check: Ensure children capitalize *Friday*.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Why is 'cider' long with an 'i', while 'cinder' is short?
- What sound does the 'c' make in 'cider' and 'silence'?
- Why must 'Friday' always begin with a capital letter?

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

1. The clever spider spun a silver web in the lilac bush.
2. Deep silence fell upon the quiet room as the clock struck twelve.
3. Grandfather pressed sweet cider from ripe autumn apples on Friday.
4. The brave pilot guided the ship safely into the harbor.