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LESSON 179 • ITALIAN A AS IN FAR (Ä = /ɑ:/) **MÄR-KET • GÄR-DEN = /ɑ:/**

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Two-Syllable Orthoepic Clinic • Italian ä Marked with Two Dots

The **Italian sound of a (ä)**, pronounced /ɑ:/ (as in *far, father*), appears in accented syllables before the letter *r*:

12 Target Dissyllables: mär-ket, gär-den, cär-pet, scär-let, pärs-ley, fär-mer, här-vest, pärt-ner, bär-ley, gär-lic, tär-get, mär-ble.

CONCEPT

1

Syllabication & Italian ä Penmanship Track • 26px Track

Copy the 12 dissyllables, dividing between syllables:

mär-ket • gar-den • car-pet • scar-let • pars-ley • far-mer

har-vest • part-ner • bar-ley • gar-lic • tar-get • mar-ble

2

Diacritical Marking Studio • Place Two Dots Above ä

Copy the target pairs with two dots above each Italian ä:

mär-ket gär-den scär-let cär-pet här-vest bär-ley mär-ble tär-get

3

Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank using words from the list:

1. The prosperous _____ gathered a rich _____ of golden wheat and barley.

2. Fresh green _____ and vegetables grew in the kitchen _____.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • ITALIAN Ä DISSYLLABLES

1. 1. Two Dots for Italian Ä: The diacritical mark of two dots above the letter *a* (ä) indicates the open, deep vowel sound /ɑ:/ heard in *father, arm, market*.

2. 2. Pre-R Conditioning: In English native phonetics, Italian ä almost invariably appears before the liquid consonant *r* (ar = /ɑ:ɾ/).

3. 3. Suffix -ey in Barley & Parsley: In *barley* and *parsley*, the final unstressed syllable is spelled *-ley*, sounding short /li/.

LESSON 179 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	SYLLABICATION	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
market	/ˈmɑːrkɪt/	mar-ket	Latin <i>mercatus</i> . Open back ä before r.
garden	/ˈgɑːrdən/	gar-den	Old French <i>jardin</i> . Italian ä + liquid r.
scarlet	/ˈskɑːrlɪt/	scar-let	Bright red color. Italian ä + unaccented -et.
farmer	/ˈfɑːrmər/	far-mer	Base <i>farm</i> + agent suffix -er.
harvest	/ˈhɑːrvɪst/	har-vest	Old English <i>hærfest</i> (autumn).
marble	/ˈmɑːrbəl/	mar-ble	Greek <i>marmaros</i> . Syllabic -le.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Syllabication:

- mar-ket, gar-den, car-pet, scar-let.
- pars-ley, far-mer, har-vest, part-ner.
- bar-ley, gar-lic, tar-get, mar-ble.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- farmer / harvest.
- parsley / garden.

Vowel Drill: Contrast Italian ä in *market* with short ä in *rabbit* and broad a in *all*.

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- What sound does the 'a' make in 'garden' and 'market'?
- What letter always comes right after Italian 'ä' in these words?
- How does your throat feel when you make the open /a:/ sound?

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

- The hard-working farmer gathered a bountiful autumn harvest.
- Fresh parsley and crisp carrots grew in the kitchen garden.
- Mother bought fresh fruit at the village market on Saturday.
- A smooth marble statue stood upon the scarlet carpet.