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LESSON 17. SHORT & LONG I • VCE EXCEPTIONS

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Phonological Study: Contrast Short ĭ in think, clip with Long ī in mile, shine. Learn exceptions: live, give.

SHORT Ĭ (/ɪ/) & LONG Ī (/aɪ/)

1. Copy these words carefully. • 2. Spell them orally.

Read each word aloud, spell letter by letter, and copy neatly on the guideline below:

COL 1 • MIXED PATTERNS

mile _____
think _____
wink _____
live _____

COL 2 • SILENT E WORDS

give _____
smile _____
while _____
mine _____

COL 3 • SHORT Ĭ (-IP)

clip _____
skip _____
ship _____
whip _____

COL 4 • DIGRAPH WORDS

shine _____
this _____
rich _____
inch _____

2. Write them neatly from dictation and put the proper mark over each i.

Listen as your teacher dictates the words. Write each word, then place a breve (ĭ) or macron (ī) over each letter i:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____

★ SPECIAL ORTHOGRAPHIC NOTE (FROM TEXTBOOK PAGE 15)

"NOTE. — There are a few words like live, give, have, etc., in which a silent e follows a short vowel. These are all common words and you will soon learn them."

Discovery Question: Which two words from today's list end in silent e but have a short ĭ sound? Word 1: _____ Word 2: _____

💡 PHONICS & SPELLING RULES TO REMEMBER

★ 1. Short ĭ in Closed Syllables

When vowel i is closed in by consonants (-nk, -ip, -ch, -nch), it makes the short sound /ɪ/ (think, clip, ship, rich, inch). Marked with a breve: ĭ.

★ 2. Long ī with Silent e (VCe)

In VCe words (mile, smile, while, mine, shine), the silent e reaches across the consonant to make vowel i say its long name /aɪ/. Marked with a macron: ī.

★ 3. Protector e in live & give

Orthographic Rule: English words never end in v. Words like live and give have a silent e to keep the v legal, while the vowel i stays short /ɪ/!

LESSON 17: SHORT & LONG I • VCE EXCEPTIONS — MASTER KEY

Phonetic Matrix, 'No English Word Ends in V' Rule & Science of Reading Analysis

Official Solution

1. COMPLETE 16-WORD PHONETIC & ORTHOGRAPHIC MATRIX

COL 1 • MIXED PATTERNS	COL 2 • SILENT E & EXCEPTIONS	COL 3 • SHORT Ī (-IP)	COL 4 • DIGRAPH WORDS
mile /maɪ/ mile	give /ɡɪv/ gīve	clip /klɪp/ clīp	shine /ʃaɪn/ shīne
think /θɪŋk/ thīnk	smile /smaɪl/ smīle	skip /skɪp/ skīp	this /ðɪs/ thīs
wink /wɪŋk/ wīnk	while /waɪl/ whīle	ship /ʃɪp/ shīp	rich /rɪtʃ/ rīch
live /lɪv/ līve	mine /maɪn/ mīne	whip /wɪp/ whīp	inch /ɪntʃ/ īnch

2. MASTER DIACRITICAL CLASSIFICATION & DISCOVERY ANSWERS

Short Ī Words (Breve ĩ, /ɪ/) [11 words]: thīnk , wīnk , līve , gīve , clīp , skīp , shīp , whīp , thīs , rīch , īnch . Notice: Both live (/lɪv/) and give (/ɡɪv/) receive a breve because their spoken vowel sound is short lax /ɪ/!
Long ī Words (Macron ī, /aɪ/) [5 words]: mīle , smīle , whīle , mīne , shīne . Notice: Standard VCe pattern where the final silent e indicates the tense diphthong /aɪ/.
Discovery Question Answer: Words with silent e following a short vowel → live and give (compare with have).

3. SCIENCE OF READING: THE 'NO ENGLISH WORD ENDS IN V' RULE

THE ORTHOGRAPHIC 'PROTECTOR E' Silent e has at least seven distinct functions in English. In live, give, and have, its role is not vowel lengthening, but orthographic preservation: English lexical words cannot terminate with the letter v.	NASAL & AFFRICATE SYLLABLE CODAS Words like think and wink feature the velar nasal blend /ŋk/, while rich and inch feature the postalveolar affricate /tʃ/. These complex codas guarantee short vowel status in single-syllable roots.
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4. ASSESSMENT RUBRIC (25 POINTS TOTAL)

TASK FOCUS	INSTRUCTIONAL STANDARD & CRITERIA	SCORING
1. Copying Accuracy	Neat, baseline-aligned transcription of all 16 target words without letter reversals.	8 pts (0.5 pt / word)
2. Oral Spelling Fluency	Accurate letter-by-letter oral spelling and clear distinction between short ĩ and long ī.	4 pts (1 pt / column)
3. Dictation Precision	Flawless spelling under teacher dictation, writing all 16 words accurately from listening.	8 pts (0.5 pt / word)
4. Diacritics & Exceptions	Correctly marking breve (ĭ) and macron (ī), especially marking live/give as short ĩ.	5 pts (3 pts diacritics + 2 pts discovery)