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LESSON 181 • BROAD A AS IN ALL (A = /ɔː/)

SAU-CER • AU-TUMN • DAUGH-TER = /ɔː/

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Advanced Orthoepic Clinic • Broad a Marked with a Dot Below

The broad sound of a (a), pronounced /ɔː/ (as in *all*, *ball*), is represented by **au**, **aw**, **al**, or **augh**:

12 Target Dissyllables: sau-cer, au-tumn, daugh-ter, al-ways, wal-nut, wa-ter, fau-cet, lan-dry, aw-ful, au-thor, pau-per, sau-sage.

CONCEPT

1

Digraph Classification: au vs. aw vs. al • 26px Track

Sort the 12 words by their broad a spelling pattern:

Spelled au: sau-cer • au-tumn • fau-cet • laun-dry • au-thor • pau-per • sau-sage

Spelled aw / al / augh: aw-ful • al-ways • wal-nut • daugh-ter • wa-ter

2

Silent Letters • Silent -gh- in Daughter & Silent -n in Autumn

Copy the two words with historic silent letters:

daugh-ter (silent gh) au-tumn (silent final n)

3

Contextual Sentences • Application

Fill each blank using words from the list:

1. In late _____, golden leaves fell gently from the tall _____ trees.

2. The obedient _____ set a tea cup and _____ upon the table.

WHEELER'S ORTHOEPIC RULES • BROAD A DISSYLLABLES

1. 1. Dot Below for Broad A: In Webster and Wheeler notation, a single dot placed beneath a (a) indicates the broad sound /ɔː/.

2. 2. Silent Digraph -gh- in Daughter: In *daughter*, the trigraph *augh* represents broad /ɔː/, with the historic guttural *gh* completely silent.

3. 3. Silent Terminal N in Autumn: In *autumn* (Latin *autumnus*), the final *n* following *m* is silent in English speech.

LESSON 181 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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WORD	IPA	SPELLING PATTERN	TEACHING PRESCRIPTION
saucer	/ˈsɔːsər/	au = /ɔː/	French <i>saucière</i> . Soft c before e.
autumn	/ˈɔːtəm/	au = /ɔː/, silent n	Latin loan <i>autumnus</i> . Final n is silent.
daughter	/ˈdɔːtər/	ough = /ɔː/	Old English <i>dohtor</i> . Silent gh.
always	/ˈɔːlweɪz/	al = /ɔː/	Compound <i>all</i> + ways.
walnut	/ˈwɔːlnʌt/	al = /ɔː/	Old English <i>wealhhnutu</i> (foreign nut).
water	/ˈwɔːtər/	wa = /wɔː/	The letter w broadens following a to /ɔː/.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

Exercise 1 Sorting Key:

- au: saucer, autumn, faucet, laundry, author, pauper, sausage.
- aw: awful.
- al: always, walnut.
- ough: daughter.
- wa-: water.

Exercise 3 Solutions:

- autumn / walnut.
- daughter / saucer.

W-Rounding Effect: Point out that the letter w often changes a to broad /ɔː/ (water, warm, wash).

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- What sound does 'au' make in 'saucer' and 'autumn'?
- What letter is silent at the very end of 'autumn'?
- What letters are silent in the middle of 'daughter'?

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

- Golden autumn leaves fell into the cool, clear water.
- The loving daughter poured fresh milk into the kitten's saucer.
- Always speak the truth with courage and honor.
- Grandfather gathered ripe walnuts from the orchard in autumn.