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LESSON 43 • SOUNDS OF THE LETTER C (SOFT C & HARD C)

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Phonological Discovery: Identifying dual sounds of the consonant c: Soft c (/s/) before e vs. Hard c (/k/) elsewhere.

DIACRITICS • Ç VS Ć

Soft c as in ice (same sound as s), marked with a cedilla: **ç**.

Hard c as in can (same sound as k), marked with a bar: **ć**.

1 Copy carefully and spell orally.

COLUMN 1 ICE, NICE, RICE 1. ice _____ 2. nice _____ 3. rice _____	COLUMN 2 CAGE, CAPE, COST 4. cage _____ 5. cape _____ 6. cost _____	COLUMN 3 LACE, FACE, RACE 7. lace _____ 8. face _____ 9. race _____	COLUMN 4 CLOCK, CLEAR, CLOSE 10. clock _____ 11. clear _____ 12. close _____
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2 Sort and write each word, marking each c (**ç** or **ć**).

WORD BANK: ice cage lace clock nice cape face clear rice cost race close

Soft c (ç = /s/ sound as in ice)

Hard c (ć = /k/ sound as in can)

3 Answer these questions.

a. What other single consonant letter has the exact same sound as soft c (ç)? Letter: _____

b. What other single consonant letter has the exact same sound as hard c (ć)? Letter: _____

c. Look closely at ice, nice, rice, lace, face, race. What vowel letter always follows soft c in these words? Vowel: _____

RULES TO REMEMBER • LESSON 43

Rule 1 • Soft C Sound (/s/)

The letter c says soft /s/ when followed immediately by e, i, or y (ice, nice, lace, face). Marked as ç.

Rule 2 • Hard C Sound (/k/)

The letter c says hard /k/ before a, o, u or consonants (cape, cost, clock, clear). Marked with a bar ć.

Rule 3 • Dual Consonants in cage

In cage, initial c is hard /k/ before a, and final g is soft /dʒ/ before e!

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE • LESSON 43

Phonological Matrix • Answer Key • Decodable Dictation

M Linguistic & Diacritical Matrix: Complete structural analysis of all 12 core spelling words.

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Mark	Phonics Pattern	Orthographic Rules & Teaching Notes
1	ice	īs /aɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Silent final e makes i long /aɪ/ and c soft /s/.
2	nice	nīs /naɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Single onset /n/, silent final e softens c.
3	rice	rīs /raɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Single onset /r/, silent final e softens c.
4	cage	kāj /keɪdʒ/	ċ	V-C-e	Dual consonant rule: initial c is hard /k/, final g is soft /dʒ/ before e.
5	cape	kāp /keɪp/	ċ	V-C-e	Initial c says hard /k/ before vowel a; final silent e.
6	cost	kɔst /kɔːst/	ċ	V-C-C	Initial c says hard /k/ before o; closed short vowel o.
7	lace	lās /leɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Silent final e makes a long /eɪ/ and c soft /s/.
8	face	fās /feɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Silent final e makes a long /eɪ/ and c soft /s/.
9	race	rās /reɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Silent final e makes a long /eɪ/ and c soft /s/.
10	clock	klɔk /klok/	ċ	Blend + -ck	Initial consonant blend cl- (/kl/); -ck after short vowel.
11	clear	klēr /kliər/	ċ	Blend + ea	Initial consonant blend cl- (/kl/); vowel team ea says /ɪə/.
12	close	klōz /kloʊz/	ċ	Blend + V-C-e	Initial blend cl- (/kl/); silent final e makes o long /oʊ/.

K Master Answer Key: Diacritical classification and Socratic discoveries.

Soft c Words (ç = /s/ sound)

ice nice rice lace face race

Hard c Words (ċ = /k/ sound)

cage cape cost clock clear close

Exercise 3 Socratic Answers: a. Letter with same sound as soft c: s • b. Letter with same sound as hard c: k • c. Vowel that follows soft c in these words: e (The Silent Final E softens the c).

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, emphasizing Soft C and Hard C words.

Sentence 1 (ice, face)

"Put a piece of cold ice on your hot face."

Sentence 2 (clock, clear, close, cage)

"The clock was clear and close to the bird cage."

Sentence 3 (nice, lace, cape, race)

"She wore a nice lace cape to the fast race."

Sentence 4 (cost, rice)

"What did it cost to buy a bowl of white rice?"