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LESSON 44 • SOUNDS OF LETTER C • STEVENSON POEM

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Phonological Mastery: Giving each letter c its proper Webster mark: Soft c (ç) before e, i vs. Hard c (ċ) before consonants/word endings.

WEBSTER MARKS • Ç VS Ċ

Soft c as in city, cent, place (sound of s), marked with a cedilla: ç.

Hard c as in clip, zinc (sound of k), marked with a bar: ċ.

1 Copy carefully and spell orally.

COLUMN 1 SINCE, PRICE, MICE

1. since _____
2. price _____
3. mice _____

COLUMN 2 CITY, CENT, DANCE

4. city _____
5. cent _____
6. dance _____

COLUMN 3 CLIP, ZINC, PLACE

7. clip _____
8. zinc _____
9. place _____

2 Sort and write each word, marking each c (ç or ċ).

WORD BANK: since price mice city cent dance clip zinc place

Soft c (ç = /s/ sound as in ice)

Hard c (ċ = /k/ sound as in can)

3 Read aloud, underline soft c, and copy.

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Notice: façes • plaçes

"Happy hearts and happy *façes*,
Happy play in grassy *plaçes*."

— ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

1. _____
2. _____

RULES TO REMEMBER • LESSON 44

Rule 1 • Soft C (ç) Before E & I

Letter c says soft /s/ before e or i (since, price, mice, city, cent, dance, place). Marked with a cedilla ç.

Rule 2 • Hard C (ċ) Before Consonants

Letter c says hard /k/ before consonants (clip) or at the end of a syllable/word (zinc). Marked with a bar ċ.

Rule 3 • Poetry Rhyme: -aces

In Stevenson's poem, façes and plaçes share the exact same soft c sound before the plural suffix -es.

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE • LESSON 44

Phonological Matrix • Answer Key • Decodable Dictation

M

Linguistic & Diacritical Matrix: Structural breakdown of all 9 core spelling words and poem vocabulary.

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Mark	Phonics Pattern	Orthographic Rules & Teaching Notes
1	since	sɪns /sɪns/	ç	C-V-C-e	Short vowel i protected by n; silent final e makes c soft /s/.
2	price	praɪs /praɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Initial blend pr-; silent final e makes i long /aɪ/ and c soft /s/.
3	mice	mɪs /maɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Irregular plural of mouse; silent final e makes i long and c soft.
4	city	sɪt'i /'sɪt.i/	ç	2-Syllable	Initial c says soft /s/ before vowel i (çɪt•y); final y says /i/.
5	cent	sɛnt /sent/	ç	C-V-C-C	Initial c says soft /s/ before vowel e; short vowel e.
6	dance	dɑns /dæns/	ç	C-V-C-C-e	Root word; silent final e softens c (/s/) after nasal n.
7	clip	klɪp /klɪp/	ç	C-C-V-C	Initial blend cl- says /k/; short vowel i closed by p.
8	zinc	zɪŋk /zɪŋk/	ç	C-V-C-C	Final c says hard /k/ following nasal sound /ŋ/.
9	place	plās /pleɪs/	ç	V-C-e	Initial blend pl-; silent final e makes a long /eɪ/ and c soft /s/.
10	faces	fās'ɛz /'feɪ.sɪz/	ç	Plural -es	Base face; c says soft /s/ before e; plural suffix -es.
11	places	plās'ɛz /'pleɪ.sɪz/	ç	Plural -es	Base place; c says soft /s/ before e; plural suffix -es.

K

Master Answer Key: Classification breakdown and Stevenson poem analysis.

Soft c Words (ç = /s/ sound) • 7 Words

since price mice city cent dance place

Hard c Words (c̄ = /k/ sound) • 2 Words

clip zinc

Poem Analysis (Robert Louis Stevenson): Rhyming pair: **faces** ['feɪ.sɪz] • **places** ['pleɪ.sɪz]. Both words exhibit Soft c (ç) before vowel e, demonstrating consistency between singular base forms (face, place) and inflected plural nouns.

D

Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on Soft C and Hard C marks.

Sentence 1 (price, clip, cent)
"The price of a shiny clip is only one cent."

Sentence 2 (city, place, mice, dance)
"A big city is a lively place where little mice dance."

Sentence 3 (faces, places)
"Happy hearts and happy faces play in grassy places."

Sentence 4 (zinc, since)
"We have not seen the zinc bucket since yesterday."