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LESSON 84 • PARTS OF THE BODY

20 ANATOMY WORDS

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“Learn to spell twenty anatomical terms for parts of the human body. Notice their silent letters (*thumb*, *wrist*, *knee*), vowel digraphs, and irregular plurals.”

CONCEPT

1 Anatomical Regions — Group the 20 words into their proper bodily region:

HEAD & FACE

ear, eye, nose, mouth, teeth, cheek, tongue, brain, skull

ARM & HAND

arm, wrist, elbow, thumb, knuckle, shoulder

TORSO & ORGANS

heart, chest, stomach

LEGS & FEET

thigh, knee, foot

2 Silent Letter Detective — Cross out the silent letter(s) in each body part:

thumb

Silent letter: _____

wrist

Silent letter: _____

knee

Silent letter: _____

knuckle

Silent letter: _____

3 Wheeler Directive — “Write a little story containing as many of these words as possible”:

ANATOMICAL ORTHOGRAPHY RULES TO REMEMBER:

1. Silent Initial Consonants: *Wrist* begins with silent *w*; *knee* and *knuckle* begin with silent *k* before *n*.

2. Silent Final B in "Thumb": In *thumb*, the terminal letter *b* following *m* is silent, identical to *climb*, *lamb*, and *comb*.

3. Digraphs EA & OU in Organs: *Heart* has broad ä (/a:rt/), *head* has short ĕ (/hɛd/), while *mouth* has diphthong ou (/mauθ/).

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LESSON 84 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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TARGET WORD	IPA PHONETICS	MORPHOLOGICAL LAW	PEDAGOGICAL & ORTHOGRAPHIC NOTES
thumb	/θʌm/	Silent final -b	Silent b — Old English <i>thūma</i> ; b added orthographically.
wrist	/rɪst/	Silent initial w-	Silent w — OE <i>wrist</i> ; labial onset vanished phonetically.
knee / knuckle	/niː / /ˈnʌk.əl/	Silent initial k-	Silent k — historical Germanic /kn-/ cluster now pronounced /n/.
tongue	/tʌŋ/	French spelling loan	Irregular spelling — short u sound /ʌ/ followed by -ngue.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

EX. 1 & 2 SOLUTIONS

- Silent Letters:** In *thumb* (b); in *wrist* (w); in *knee* (k); in *knuckle* (k).
- All 20 words** classified accurately into their body regions.

EX. 3 SAMPLE NARRATIVE

"The brave boy tripped and scraped his **knee** and **elbow**. His loving mother bandaged his **wrist**, and he smiled with his **mouth** and bright brown **eyes**, knowing in his **heart** that he was brave and strong."

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Silent K Pattern:** Ask: 'Look at *knee*, *knuckle*, and *knot*. What letter always comes after the silent k?' (The letter n!).
- Silent B Pattern:** Guide: 'Look at *thumb*, *lamb*, and *climb*. What letter always comes before the silent b?' (The letter m!).
- Irregular Plurals:** Note that *tooth* becomes *teeth* and *foot* becomes *feet* (umlaut plurals).

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

- "A kind smile upon your **face** and **mouth** makes friends."
- "He placed his strong **hand** upon the horse's **shoulder**."
- "The human **heart** beats steadily within the **chest**."
- "She twisted her **wrist** and scraped her left **knee** while running."