

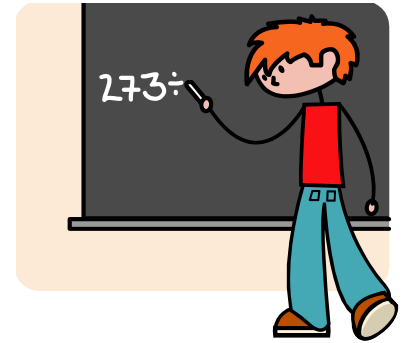
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## Spelling

i before e

except after c

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Objectives:

- To learn the key spelling rule of i before e except after c.

# Do the letters make the “ee” sound?

The *i before e except after c* rule only applies if the letters make an “ee” sound.

Organise these words into two columns: those that make the “ee” sound and those that do not.

vein	friend	ceiling	believe	wield
Grief	deceive	neighbour	eight	relieve
	perceive	leisure	retrieve	

# Words that make the “ee” sound

Your “ee” sound list should look like this:

deceive  
ceiling  
believe  
wield  
relieve  
retrieve  
perceive

Remember the rule, ‘i before e except after c’, can you see any examples of this?

# ie or ei?

Complete the following words with *ie* or *ei*

Remember, *i*  
before *e* except  
after *c* but only  
if it makes an  
“ee” sound!



dec\_\_ve

pr\_\_st

d\_\_sel

rec\_\_ve

sh\_\_ld

shr\_\_k

\_\_ther

\_\_ghty

hyg\_\_ne

c\_\_ling

fr\_\_nd

bel\_\_ve

# ie or ei?

Complete the following words with *ie* or *ei*

Remember, *i*  
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deceive

priest

diesel

receive

shield

shriek

either

eighty

hygiene

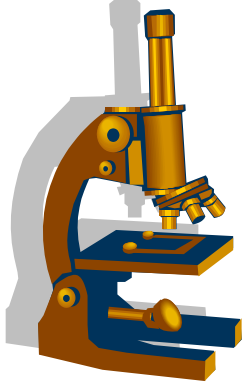
ceiling

friend

believe

# The exceptions

There are a number of exceptions such as **protein** and **seize** as well as some names such as **Keith** and **Sheila**



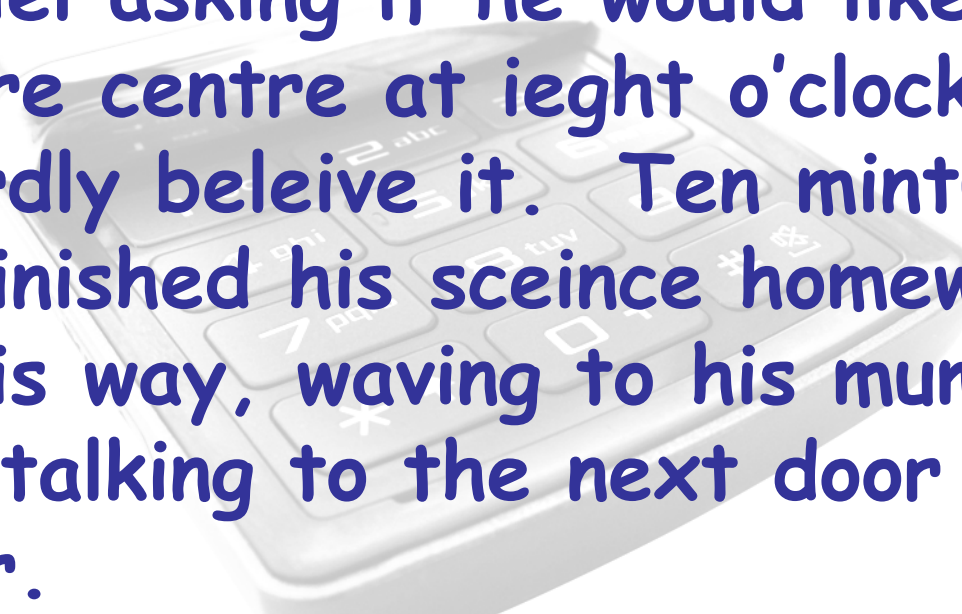
Words that contain *ie* as two syllables also do not follow the rule.

E.G: **science**   **audience**   **alien**   **society**

# Test your understanding

Re-write this paragraph correctly. All the mistakes are *ie* or *ei* words

Kieth received a text message from his friend Niel asking if he would like to go to the liesure centre at ieght o'clock. He could hardly beleive it. Ten mintues later he had finished his sceince homework and was on his way, waving to his mum Shiela who was talking to the next door nieghbour.



# How did you do?

Check your answers

Keith received a text message from his friend Neil asking if he would like to go to the leisure centre at eight o'clock. He could hardly believe it. Ten minutes later he had finished his science homework and was on his way, waving to his mum Sheila who was talking to the next door neighbour.

# i before e Spellings

Learn these spellings for a test next week.

1. ceiling
2. deceive
3. friend
4. shield
5. relieve
6. conceited
7. receive
8. priest

9. siege

10. neighbour

