

## ei and ie words

Use this rhyme to help you remember how to spell ei and ie words:

*'i' before 'e' except after 'c' if the vowel sound rhymes with bee.*

*field - rhymes with bee, so 'i' before 'e'*

*weight - doesn't rhyme with bee, so 'e' before 'i'*

*receive - rhymes with bee but follows a 'c' - so 'e' before 'i'*

*science - doesn't rhyme with bee but follows a 'c' - so 'i' before 'e'*

1. Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.

"I alone in the universe can **wield** / **weild** such power," said Andy.

Sarah was very **relieved** / **releived** that her sister was okay.

Please be **brief** / **breif** because I don't have much time.

Don't do that to the telephone **receiver** / **reciever** - you'll break it.

Don't try to **decieve** / **deceive** me.

2. Complete the words below using either ei or ie.

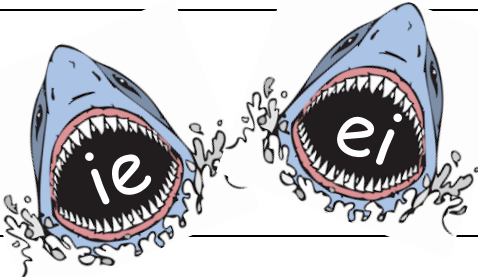
bel....vable	f....rce	n....ghbour	r....gn
misch....vous	hyg....ne	conc....ve	ach....able

3. Circle the misspelt words below.

yeild	glacier	soceity	wieght
science	vareity	reciept	achievement

Some words don't follow the 'i before e' rule. You just have to learn these words, e.g. caffeine.

4. The ei and ie parts of the words below are missing. Draw lines to match either word to its missing part.

n?ther		?ther
d?sel		t?r
perc?ve		h?ght

5. Circle the exception to the 'i before e' rule.

retrieve	seize	protein	nutrients
weird	niece	shield	siege

6. Complete these words by adding ie or ei, then write each word in a sentence.

anc....nt
th....f
rel....ve
fr....ght

