



The vowels ei and ie can be vowel pairs or digraphs. Vowel pair ei can spell the long e sound, as in deceit. The vowel digraph ie can also spell the long e sound, as in believe.

Vowel digraph ei can spell the long a sound, as in freight. Here's a helpful rule: "i before e, except after c, or when ei sounds like A." (freight, eighty) The words neither and either are tricky! They do not follow this rule.

SPELLING PRACTICE

Lesson 4

Words with ie and ei

Write each list word under the correct heading.

ie

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____ 10. _____

11. _____

ei after c

12. _____ 13. _____

14. _____ 15. _____

ei as in freight

16. _____ 17. _____

18. _____

ei "no rules"

19. _____ 20. _____

List Words

1. deceived
2. received
3. brief
4. believe
5. leisure
6. review
7. freight
8. vein
9. shield
10. pieces
11. eighty
12. niece
13. yield
14. either
15. neither
16. deceit
17. grief
18. thief
19. achieve
20. conceive

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Remember the rule:

“i before e,
except after c.”