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Spelling: Words with ie and ei

The vowels -ie and ei can be vowel pairs as well as vowel digraphs. Vowel pair -ei can spell the long -e sound as in the word **deceit**. The vowel digraph can spell the long -e sound as in **believe**. The vowel digraph can spell the long -a sound – **freight**.

Here's a helpful rule

"I before E, except after C

Or when – ei sounds like a

As in freight and eighty".

The words either and neither are tricky! They do not follow this rule.

Drag and drop each list word under the correct heading.

ie

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | |



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| -ei after c | |
| 12. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 15. _____ | |

- ei as in freight

- ei no rule word**
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| 19. _____ | 20. _____ |
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**List
Words**

deceived
believe
received
brief
infield
review
freight
vein
shield
pieces
eighty
niece
yield
either
deceit
grief
thief
achieve
conceive

