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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. _____ | |



List
Words

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

-ei after c

12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

- ei as in freight

16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

-ei no rule word

19. _____ 20. _____

