Spelling -se and -ce

It is easy to get confused between nouns and verbs that are spelled almost identically. However, here is a simple rule that will help you with two sound-alike pairs of words.

Rule: Generally, the verb form will be spelled with the "s" and the noun with the "c."

Examples:
advise vs. advice
devise vs. device

Example: She gave us good advice.
Noun meaning *recommendation*.

Example: Please advise us of our options.
Verb meaning *the act of giving a recommendation*.

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VERB	NOUN
	
DEVISE	DEVICE
ADVISE	ADVICE
LICENSE	LICENCE
PRACTISE	PRACTICE

Used for both in US English

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Choose the correct word in the sentences below.

1. They have to device/devise a foolproof plan to make sure she is surprised on her birthday.
2. The dentist has a new device/devise for cleaning teeth.
3. Whoever devised/deviced this dental instrument must not have had very sensitive teeth.
4. I would advice/advise you to allow the hygienist to try it on a few teeth before committing to it.
5. No amount of advice/advise can substitute for experience.

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