

TIP

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 **ie** can also spell the long **e** sound (**believe**). Vowel digraph **ei** 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 **eighty** and **freight**."

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

LIST WORDS

1. *deceived*
2. *received*
3. *brief*
4. *believe*
5. *infield*
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*

Spelling Practice

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 in "No Rule" words

19. _____
20. _____

Complete the Paragraph

Fill in the **list words** that best complete the sentences in the paragraph below.

While watching a baseball game on TV, an _____-year-old woman could not _____ her eyes. The cameras followed a fly ball over the _____ and into the stands. Then, to her surprise, her youngest _____, Amy, held up the ball. She couldn't _____ how an eight-year-old girl could catch a fly ball. The woman wondered if her eyes had _____ her. She called to her husband, who couldn't believe his eyes _____. Then, for a _____ moment, they saw Amy again. This time, they noticed her enormous baseball mitt. The mitt must have acted like a _____, blocking others from catching the ball. It was an amazing thing for an eight year old to _____.



Find these ten **list words** in the puzzle below: deceit, freight, grief, neither, pieces, received, review, thief, vein, yield. The words can go forward or backward, up, down, or diagonally. Then write the words on the lines below.

E G R I F L D E S R
 L R E N Q F E I H T
 S E C E I P R I Z C
 F R E I G H T O T I
 F E I R G Y P A I H
 L V V N E I T H E R
 T R E V I E W I C L
 N E D I S L B I E Y
 E V R L N D N I D Y

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

Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

This article has twelve mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix the mistakes. Then, rewrite the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

One of the greatest mural artists to achieve fame was Diego Rivera. He was born in Guanajuato Mexico, on December 8 1886. A reveiw of his work shows that he had great respect for the common people. He also showed the greef he felt at how poorer people were treated by the government. He did not beleeeve that people should yeild to those who wanted to rule them unfairly. His murals appeared on walls of government buildings schools and palaces. He traveled to Detroit New York City and San Francisco to paint. He recieved many honors while he was alive.

Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  add something



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____