

Words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after c (and exceptions)



We are looking again at this well-known spelling rule...

**'i' before 'e'
except after 'c'!**

This rule usually applies to words with a 'c' before a long /e/ sound, e.g.

conceive

Super Tricky Challenge:

There are a few words in the English language that do have an 'e' before an 'i' to make a long /e/ sound, where it is not preceded by a 'c'.

We call these the exceptions to the rule.

Can you think of any examples?

protein

caffeine

seize

neither

Did you find any others?

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Week 3

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deceive
conceive
receive
perceive
ceiling
receipt
protein
caffeine
seize
neither

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Remember that they all have an 'ei' letter pattern that makes a long /e/ sound.

