

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



Who has heard this well-known spelling rule before?

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



But is it really true?

Does the rule apply all of the time?

As with many spelling rules, 'i' before 'e' except after 'c' works most of the time **but not always**.

The rule usually applies when the 'ie' makes a long /e/ sound.



Can you try and find as many words as you can with an 'ie' letter pattern that makes a long /e/ sound.

**Words with an 'ie' letter pattern that makes a long /e/ sound**

chief

siege

niece

grief

fiend

shriek

chief

believe

achieve

priest

mischievous

Did you find any of this week's spelling words?  
Read them aloud - can you hear the long /e/ sound?

# Here are your spelling words for this week.

## Week 2

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

