

i and e



Say each word in the following box. Look at the letters carefully. Notice *i* and *e* in each word.  
Which letter comes first?

relief yield fierce heir heiress pierce shield  
receive height weird leisure foreign conscience  
neighbor brief chief seize ceiling conceit deceive

Spell each word to yourself and write it next to the appropriate letters.

ie \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ei \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



*i* usually comes before e except after c or when sounds like a as in neighbor and weigh.

As with all rules, there are exceptions. Here is one group of exceptions:

Neither leisure foreigner dared to seize the weird

What list word breaks the "c" rule? Write it here \_\_\_\_\_ Write the list words that follow this "c" pattern: cei \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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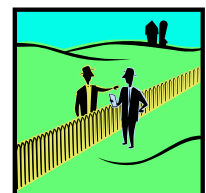


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**Use a word from the box in each sentence below.  
Do not repeat a word.  
You might change an ending.**

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1. "\_\_\_\_\_ every moment!" That was  
Grandmother's \_\_\_\_\_ motto.
2. Tim has a \_\_\_\_\_ temper that  
sometimes gets in the way of his work.
3. Often a \_\_\_\_\_ person  
\_\_\_\_\_ himself about his own value.
4. There are five \_\_\_\_\_ black  
footprints on the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mandy is an \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_  
oil and shipping fortune.
6. The people in our \_\_\_\_\_ held a \_\_\_\_\_  
30 minute meeting on stray animals.



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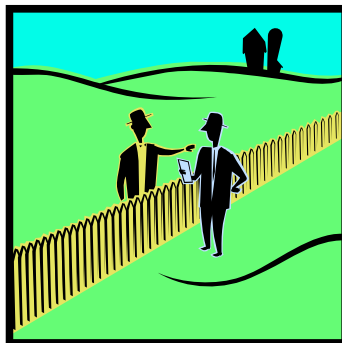
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1. Seize chief
2. fierce
3. conceited **ed** deceives **s**
4. weird ceiling
5. heiress foreign
6. neighborhood **hood** brief



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1. It was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to finally  
\_\_\_\_\_ her letter.
2. Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ bothers him when he  
spends a \_\_\_\_\_ day when he should be  
working.
3. The warrior's arrows \_\_\_\_\_ the enemies  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The doctor recorded my \_\_\_\_\_  
and weight.



**Look at the word from the box below.  
Remember the rule on page 1. Cross off  
words that do not follow the rule.**

science their friend eight reindeer protein either  
weight review sleigh seized eighteen relieve briefly

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Use a word from the box in each sentence below.

1. relief receive
2. conscience leisurely
3. pierced shields
4. height



Cross off words that do not follow the rule.

~~science~~ ~~their~~ friend eight reindeer ~~protein~~ either  
weight review sleigh ~~seized~~ eighteen relieve briefly

