

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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**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.

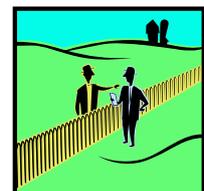
3. Often a _____ person
_____ himself about his own value.

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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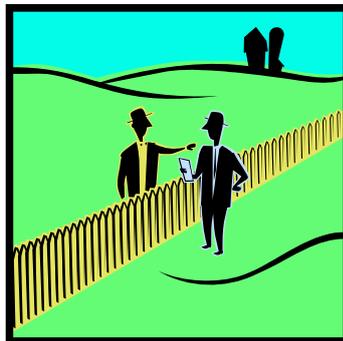
Solution

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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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Solution

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

