

## Spelling list: ie words

Have you heard of the *'i' before 'e' except after 'c'* English spelling rule?

If you look closely at the words in this list, you will notice that they all include the spelling pattern *ie* to spell the long /e/ sound. You might also notice that none of these words have the letter 'c' directly before the *ie* pattern.

The *'i' before 'e' except after 'c'* rule is a good way of getting started with spelling the long /e/ sound, but like with every spelling rule it has its exceptions!

Once you are confident with the words in the list, you can move onto rulebreakers and the six other ways to spell the long /e/ in English.

field	The sheep were let loose in the <b>field</b> .
brief	The instructions were too <b>brief</b> .
chief	The tribe elected a <b>chief</b> .
grief	His death caused terrible <b>grief</b> .
relief	There was great <b>relief</b> at the rescue.
mischief	That child is getting up to <b>mischief</b> again.
niece	My brother's daughter is my <b>niece</b> .
piece	Please may I have a <b>piece</b> of cake?
siege	The castle was under <b>siege</b> .
priest	The <b>priest</b> blessed the people.
fierce	The tiger was <b>fierce</b> .
pierce	<b>Pierce</b> the lid before cooking.
achieve	He wanted to <b>achieve</b> good grades in school.
believe	I can't <b>believe</b> she has married him.
relieved	She was <b>relieved</b> to hear her father was better.
retrieve	The dog ran to <b>retrieve</b> the ball.

diesel                      This truck's engine runs on **diesel** fuel.

hygiene                    Good **hygiene** keeps germs away.