

Spelling list: *ei* saying /ay/

The *i before e except after c* spelling rule applies to the long /e/ sound, but the words in this list feature a long /a/ sound. This means they're spelt with the letter combination *ei*. Spot this pattern in words like *vein*, *rein*, and *eight*.

Try a *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* spelling activity to solidify your understanding of these tricky words.

vein	A vein carries blood to the heart.
rein	A rein is a strap used to lead a horse.
reign	We lived under a reign of terror.
deign	Will the boss deign to attend our party?
feign	I will feign illness to avoid going to work.
neigh	I heard the horse neigh from the stable.
eight	I get to work at eight o'clock.
weigh	Weigh the ingredients carefully.
weight	To win the cake you must guess its weight .
freight	The freight was loaded onto the ship.
neighbour	Their new neighbour was very kind.
sheik	The sheik wore traditional dress.
veil	The bride wore a long white veil .
beige	The golfer wore beige slacks.
sleigh	The kids enjoyed the sleigh ride.