

Spelling list: *ei* saying /ay/

These *ei* words do not follow the rule *i before e except after c* . This is because they have the long /a/ sound.

This list includes words like *weigh* , *freight* , and *neighbour* , which show how the letters *ei* can be pronounced as /ay/ in certain cases. These words may look tricky at first, but once you learn the pattern, they will become easier to spell. To help you with these words, try a *Listen and Spell* test.

vein	The vein was visible on his forehead.
rein	Keep a tight rein on your spending.
reign	The country prospered under the King's reign .
deign	Will the boss deign to attend our party?
feign	In soccer today, the defender fell for the attacker's feign .
neigh	I heard the horse neigh from the stable.
eight	I get to work at eight o'clock.
weigh	Mother weighed out a kilo of flour.
weight	To win the cake you must guess its weight .
freight	The freight was loaded onto the ship.
neighbor	Their new neighbor 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.