



Eight friends in a field.

Key Words

belief
hygiene
believe
field
friend
patient
review

receive
perceive
either
protein
freight
rein
forfeit

Focus

It is helpful to remember that **i** comes before **e** when the sound is **ee**.

relieve field

But **i** does not come before **e** when following **c**.

deceive receipt

And **i** does not come before **e** when the sound is not **ee**.

heir foreign

Write the words in the box below in a long list.
Tick the words in which the **ie** or the **ei** sounds **ee** (as in **bee**).
Underline those you have ticked that have an **ei**.

receive	field	believe	wield
weigh	eight	their	deceit
rein	chief	shield	vein
receipt	sleight	leisure	achieve

Extra

It is helpful to remember the little rhyme:

'i before e, except after c'.

However, there are exceptions.

- A** There are seven different sounds made by **ie** and **ei**. Copy this chart and use it to group the key words according to the sound made by **ie** or **ei**. The first two have been done to help you.

ie or ei sounds like	ie words	ei words
ee as in creek	believe	protein
ay as in way		
i as in bit		
y as in my		
e as in best		
u as in hunt		
oo as in boot		

- B** Add some more words of your own to your chart.

Extension

In all the examples in the chart above, the two letters **ie** and **ei** form a single sound, or **phoneme**. But there are other words where the two letters are pronounced separately.

crier deity

Copy these words into your book, completing the gap with either **ie** or **ei**.

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 cloth__r | 2 r__nforce | 3 spontan__ity |
| 4 cop__r | 5 obed__nce | 6 sc__nce |
| 7 r__terate | 8 med__val | 9 homogen__ty |

