



Spelling: **ie** and **ei** words



i before **e**, except after **c**, *but* only when it rhymes with **bee**.



When it rhymes with bee, it's **i** before **e**...

Piece **C**hief **N**iece **T**hief **B**elieve **A**chieve

...except after **C**

Perceive **C**onceit **R**eceipt **D**eceit **R**eceive

If it doesn't rhyme with **bee**, it's **e** before **i**

Eight **W**eight **V**ein **H**eir **R**ein **V**eil





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Dec ve

Bel ve

P ce

Anc nt

N ce

L sure

For gn

W ght



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There are always exceptions to a rule!

Diet

Species

Friend

Seize



Ignore the rule when you add a prefix or a suffix

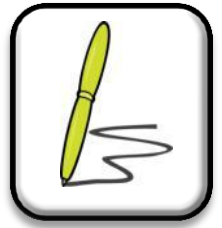
Fancy - fancied

Juicy – juiciest

Pricey - pricier



Spelling: Prefixes



Prefixes are added to the **beginning** of a **root word** to make a new word.



Un
De
Re
Dis
Il
Im
Auto
Super
Intern
Trans
In

lucky
frost
heat
obey
legal
possible
biography
market
national
form
active

The spelling of a root word never changes when a prefix is added.

Misuse
Dissimilar
Unpopular
Overreact



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Use the prefixes 'un-' or 'in-' to give these words their opposite meaning:

- | | |
|------------|----------|
| a) happy | d) cover |
| b) active | e) dress |
| c) visible | f) fair |

Underline the **root words** in each of these longer words. Then write down a **new word** using the **same root word**, but with a **different prefix**:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| a) disappear | f) unable |
| b) reuse | g) disorder |
| c) precook | h) undo |
| d) replace | i) preview |
| e) supermarket | j) underarm |



Spelling: Suffixes



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Al	Ary	Ist	Ive	Est
additional al	annivers ary	novel ist	explos ive	nasti est
nation al	diction ary	violin ist	alternat ive	fierc est

If the root word ends in 'e' and the first letter of the suffix is a vowel, you need to drop the 'e'.

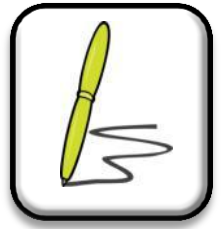
achiev**e**+**a**ble = achie**v**able revers**e**+**i**ble = revers**ib**le

If the root word ends in 'e' and the first letter of the suffix is a consonant, keep the 'e'.

love**e**+**l**y = lov**e**ly hop**e**+**f**ul = hop**e**ful



Spelling: **Suffixes**



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Complete the table below by adding each **suffix** to the **root words**.

Root Word	-ed	-ing	-able
Describe			
Squeeze			
Admire			

Add the correct **suffixes** to the **root words**.

1. She was care_____ not to disturb anyone.
2. The school was peace_____.
3. He desperate_____ wanted to go on holiday.
4. You must measure ingredients accurate_____.
5. It was a good advertise_____ for the product.



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If a root word ends with a **consonant** and then a **'y'** you almost always change the **'y'** to an **'i'** before adding a suffix:

HEAVY = **HEAVIER**

HAPPY = **HAPPILY**



Unless the suffix is **-ing**:

CRY = **CRYING**

WORRY = **WORRYING**



If the letter before **'y'** is a **vowel**, you leave the **'y'** as it is.

BOY = **BOYISH**

RELAY = **RELAYED**





Spelling: Words ending in **f** and **fe**



Most nouns ending in '**f**' drop the '**f**' and add '**ves**' in the plural form.

Example: one **half** becomes two **halves**

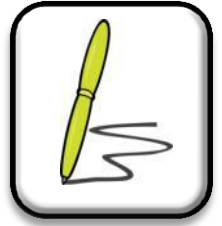
Singular	Plural
▪ Calf	
▪ Half	Halves
▪ Life	
▪ Loaf	
▪ scarf	
▪ shelf	
▪ Thief	
▪ Wolf	
▪ Knife	
▪ Wife	



Read, write,
cover, check



Spelling: Words ending in **f** and **fe**



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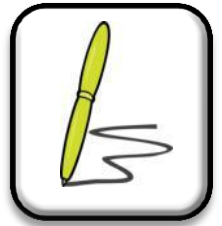
Most nouns ending in '**f**' drop the '**f**' and add '**ves**' in the plural form.

1. I went to the shop to buy two _____ of bread.
2. Wearing a _____ around your neck will keep you warm.
3. A cat has nine _____.
4. Only one _____ stole the jewels.
5. Two _____ make a whole.

Extension: write three sentences of your own using the plural version of three different nouns ending in 'f'.



Spelling: **Silent Letters and Unstressed Vowels**



Silent letters are letters which you can't hear when you say the word aloud.

C

Scene
Science
Scent
Muscle
Conscience
Scissors
Descend
Fascinate

K

Kneel
Knife
Knight
Knock
Knot
Know
Knowledge
Knit

B

Lamb
Debt
Tomb
Subtle
Doubt
Bomb
Comb

H

Which
Whether
When
While
Whistle
Hour
Chemist
Honest

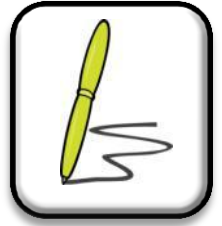
W

Write
Whole
Wrong
Two
Answer
Who

You need to learn the spellings of common words with silent letters.



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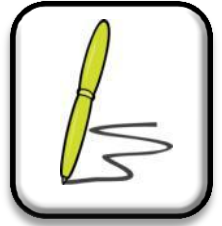


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1. The ___night used his s___ord to kill the dragon.
2. I need to ta___k to someone about my de___t.
3. C___emistry is the hardest s___ience lesson.
4. John wanted to make a si___n that wou___d show people where to go.
5. T___o of the explorers left the group to search for the lost tom___.



Spelling: **Silent Letters and Unstressed Vowels**



Read, write,
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In some words the vowel sound isn't clear – they don't make the sound you would expect.

Private

Separate

Definitely

Doctor

Parliament

Difference

Government

Describe

Biscuit

Frighten

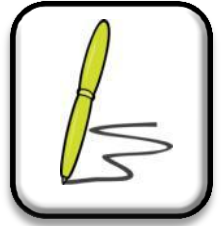
Vegetable

Desperate





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Use **'er'** or **'ar'** to fill in the gaps in the sentences below:

1. They said it was volunt___y.
2. The ball went over the bound___y.
3. She desp___ately wanted a dog.
4. I gen___ally prefer football to rugby.
5. I always get sep___ated from my friends.