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It is often difficult to know whether to use 'ie' or 'ei' to represent the 'ee' phoneme in a word.

For example, is it **recieve** or **receive**? You may have heard the saying '**i before e except after c**', which holds true for most words. The correct spelling is **receive**, and the following words also contain the letters 'cei'.

celling
deceit
receipt
perceive

However, there are exceptions to the rule. The following words are spelt 'eif' even though there is no 'c'.

seize
weird
either

There are also a number of words that use the 'eif' spelling to represent different sounds.

for example:

neighbour
weigh
leisure
foreign
their

As usual, it is a case of learning which words follow the rule and which words don't!