

Spelling Power

Lesson 14: Words with *ie* and *ei*

Word Bank

thief	fiercely	weight	receiver	leisure
wield	conscience	reign	counterfeit	deceit

Key Concepts

- Remember this rhyme to help you spell many words with the *ie* and *ei* combinations.
Write i before e shield relief
except after c, receipt ceiling
or when sounded as a,
as in neighbor and weigh.
- Memorize these exceptions:

conscience	leisure	seize
either	neither	weird
forfeit	foreign	

Spelling Practice

Write the words from the Word Bank in the correct columns.

Words with <i>ie</i>	Words with <i>ei</i>
1. _____	5. _____
2. _____	6. _____
3. _____	7. _____
4. _____	8. _____
	9. _____
	10. _____

Spelling in Context

Choose the word from the Word Bank that best completes each sentence. Write your choices on the lines.

- The art criminal was a master of _____.
- His warehouses held museum pieces worth their _____ in gold.
- He served as the _____ of paintings that his cohorts stole.
- He was a forger as well as a _____.
- He created _____ works nearly identical to the originals.

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LESSON 14 continued

Proofreading Practice

Read the paragraph below. Find the five misspelled words and circle them. Then, on the numbered lines, write the correct spelling for each circled word.

What’s the world’s oldest written story? It may be the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, the tale of a Sumerian king. The rieg[n] of the real Gilgamesh began around 2600 B.C. The epic blends legend and fact. In the epic, Gilgamesh can weild mighty weapons and wrestle lions with his bare hands. Yet he also has a consceince and a love of beauty. He stays feircely loyal to a childhood friend. In his liesure time, he enjoys fine arts.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Spelling Application

Listed below are eight more words that reflect the Key Concepts you have learned. Circle the *ie* or *ei* in each word.

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|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| believe | conceited | eighty | freight |
| pierce | priest | seize | yield |

Use the words to complete the analogies below. Pay special attention to the *ie* and *ei* patterns.

- 1. laugh : cry :: _____ : doubt
- 2. _____ : grasp :: smile : grin
- 3. puncture : _____ :: astonish : surprise
- 4. law : attorney :: religion : _____
- 5. brave : cowardly :: _____ : humble
- 6. relinquish : _____ :: conceal : hide
- 7. _____ : cargo :: flower : blossom
- 8. four : sixteen :: twenty : _____

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