

ei and ie Words

Use this rhyme to help you remember how to spell **ei** and **ie** words:

'i' before 'e' except after 'c' if the vowel sound rhymes with bee

piece

← Rhymes with **bee**,
so 'i' before 'e'.

deceive

← Rhymes with **bee** but
follows a 'c' — so 'e'
before 'i'.

neighbour

← Doesn't rhyme
with **bee**, so 'e'
before 'i'.

scientist

← Doesn't rhyme with
bee but follows a 'c'
— so 'i' before 'e'.

1

Add the letters **ie** or **ei** to each of the words below, so that they match the pictures.



shr.....k



sh.....ld



f.....ld



w.....ght

2

Complete the words below using either '**ei**' or '**ie**'.

c.....ling

pr.....st

rec.....ve

rel.....ve

gr.....f

bel.....ve

conc.....ve

dec.....ve

3

Make an **ie** word out of the letters in each of the rubber rings.



Some words don't follow the 'i before e' rule.

You just have to learn these words.

protein

4

Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

relieved / releived

neighbour / nieghbour

sieze / seize

freind / friend

Not all the words in the box are spelt correctly.

You will be to hear that we won.

Our complained that my violin practice was too loud.

My best is called Emma.

We must this opportunity to improve our results.

5

Solve the clues below and then find the answers in the wordsearch.

Something found in tea and coffee

C							E
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A piece of paper showing what you bought

R						T
---	--	--	--	--	--	---

A person who steals

T				F
---	--	--	--	---

Your sister's daughter

N				E
---	--	--	--	---

If something doesn't take very long, it's

B				F
---	--	--	--	---

T	E	I	M	N	I	E	C	E
M	H	R	E	I	S	I	A	E
H	T	I	R	E	I	W	F	F
I	E	S	E	A	B	N	F	L
U	I	E	C	F	D	E	E	I
E	H	I	E	E	H	E	I	G
I	V	T	I	E	I	T	N	I
L	E	O	P	O	R	E	E	R
E	W	S	T	H	T	I	I	E
E	U	B	R	I	E	F	A	I

Words with 'ough' in



Words that contain the letters 'ough' can sound very different. For example:

Here the 'ough' letters
sound like 'oh'.

though

through

Here the 'ough' letters
sound like 'oo'.

Here the 'ough' letters
sound like 'off'.

cough

1

Draw lines to match each ough word with the correct sound.

fought

cough

bough

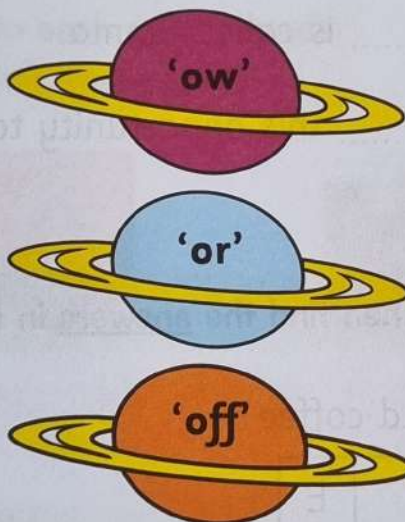
sought

trough

nought

thought

plough



2

Put a tick in the boxes next to the ough words that have an 'uff' sound.

tough

☐

though

☐

enough

☐

dough

☐

rough

☐

bought

☐

3

Draw lines to link the ough words that rhyme.

bough

though

ought

thorough

borough

brought

dough

plough

4 Solve the clues to find the ough words.

another word for considerate →

t	h								
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another word for but →

a	l						
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what pigs eat out of →

t					
---	--	--	--	--	--

another word for nothing or nil →

n					
---	--	--	--	--	--

5 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the ough words in the box.

throughout

tough

ought

enough

bought

thorough

I've had of this album — can we change it?

Laura knew that she to visit her grandma more often.

..... her career, Becky had always tried her best.

John his girlfriend a kitten for her birthday.

They couldn't find the keys, despite a very search.

Simon complained that his steak was far too

6 Write each of these words in a sentence.

through

.....

thorough

.....

though

.....

Words with Silent Letters



Silent letters are letters that you don't hear when you say a word.

bomb

wreck

knock

The 'b', 'w' and 'k' are all silent letters in these words.

1 Circle the silent letters in each of the words below.

exhaust

when

guess

know

listen

hour

knee

comb

2 Add silent letters to each of the words, so that they match the pictures.



i ... land



lam ...



this ... le



si ... n



ca ... f



g ... ost

3 Draw lines to match the words with the silent letters they contain.

whirl

silent w

plumber

campaign

silent h

write

limb

answer

gnome

silent g

wheat

sword

silent b

whistle

4 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

honest / onest

climbed / climed

nocked / knocked

nife / knife

school / scool

sin / sign

sent / scent

I on the door, but no one came.

Last year I Mount Everest.

I have to wear a yellow tie as part of my uniform.

The says that we should go this way.

You should always be careful when using a

I never lie — I am very

Detectives sometimes use dogs to follow a

Not all the words in the box are spelt correctly.

5 Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.

Wednesday / Whensday is in the middle of the week.

I ofhen / often have fish and chips for tea.

I need to pay my dhet / debt off before I go on holiday.

Trees always look very pretty in autumn / authum.

Estimate is another word for ghess / guess.

6 Write each of these words in a sentence.

crumb



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knuckle



.....

column



.....

Unstressed Vowels



Unstressed vowels are vowel sounds that you can't hear clearly.

animal

sounds like

animul

Sometimes they sound like a **different** vowel.

factory

sounds like

factry

Sometimes they sound like they're **not there at all**.

1

Circle the unstressed vowel in each of the following words.

different

temperature

interesting

envelope

easily

personal

information

economical

fattening

frightening

offering

original

2

Circle the correct spelling of each word.

general
generul

jewellry
jewellery

boundry
boundary

family
famly

poison
poisun

library
libry

describe
discribe

3

Complete these words using unstressed vowels.

refrig....rate

confid....nt

veg....table

mem....ry

doct....r

conc....ntrate

bus....ness

marv....llous

4

Complete the words below by adding in the missing unstressed vowel. Then write each one on the correct clipboard.

mis...rable

intellig...nce

mini...ture

parli...ment

desp...rate

deaf...ning

valu...ble

secret...ry

unstressed eunstressed a

5

Complete the sentences below using words containing unstressed vowels.

I didn't recognise the word, so I looked it up in the d.....

You don't have to go in fancy dress — it's v.....

Tamara had to read a lot for her degree in English l.....

I hate pasta and sauce mixed together, so I keep them s.....

6

Write each of these words in a sentence.

generous



.....

favourite



.....

animal



.....

Homophones



Homophones are words that are **pronounced** the same, but have different **meanings** and **spellings**.

nose

Your **nose** is the part of your face used for **breathing** and **smelling**.

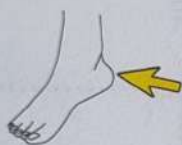
knows

To **know** something means to **be aware** of it.

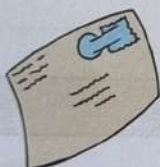
1 Circle the correct word from each pair of homophones.



desert / dessert



heel / heal



mail / male

2 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

father / farther

heard / herd

guest / guessed

I had forgotten that we have a for dinner tonight.

Jasmine what was in the package by feeling it.

Lewis's is extremely strict.

The you go along the path, the higher it climbs.

One of the cows got separated from the rest of the

I my parents talking about my sister.

- 3 Fill in the homophones in the boxes below.
Then find all the words in the wordsearch.

night →

k	n	i	g	h	t
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bawl →

b			
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beech →

b				
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daze →

d			
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blue →

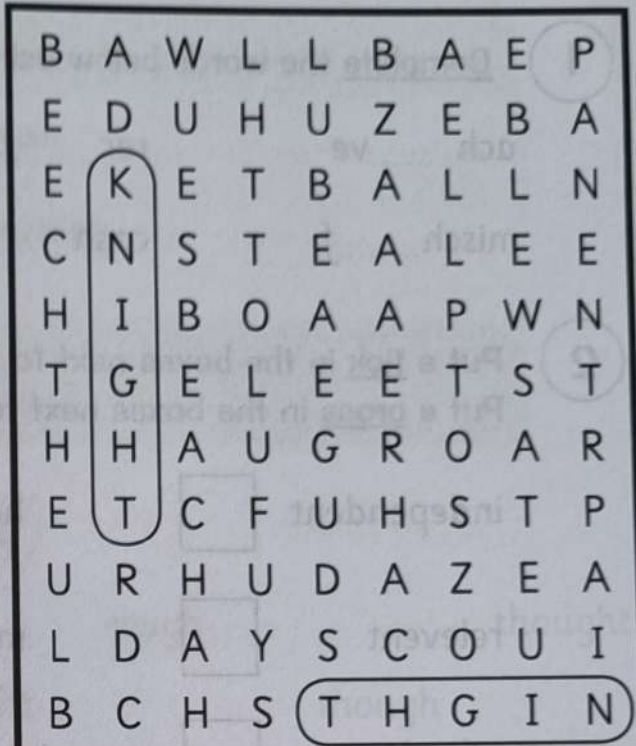
b			
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pane →

p			
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steel →

s				
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- 4 Draw a circle around the word that has been spelt incorrectly in each sentence.
Write the correct spelling on the dotted line

I'm going on a cookery coarse in half term.

Led is a very heavy metal.

Please will you lone me this DVD.

My pie was stuffed with leak and mushroom.

I did worn you that this might happen.

- 5 Write each of these words in a sentence.

stationary →

stationery →

precede →

proceed →