



Unit 1

'ie' spelling pattern



Important words

Make sure you can read these words. It's a good idea to practise saying them in sentences.

view

chief

field

piece

yield

grief

siege

thief

niece

belief

sieve

shield

There is a handy rule to help with 'ie' or 'ei'. It isn't always true, but it is helpful with most words.

'i' before 'e', except after 'c'

Now use this rule to help you fill in these words. There are no exceptions to the rule in this exercise.

br _ _ f

c _ _ ling

rec _ _ pt

f _ _ ld

dec _ _ ve

pat _ _ nt

d _ _ sel

rel _ _ ved

conc _ _ ted

ach _ _ ve

rec _ _ ve

Syllables

The pictures below all have 2, 3 or 4 syllables (beats). Decide which picture goes in which box and write the words in the list.



donkey



Australia



dinosaur



helicopter



ladybird



kiwi



television



kennel



parachute



fountain



unicorn



caterpillar

2	3	4

Sound Boxes

Write the letter or letters which make each sound into the right sound boxes.
Go by the number of sounds - not the number of letters!

belief

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niece

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achieve

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field

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relief

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grief

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thief

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priest

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relieve

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piece

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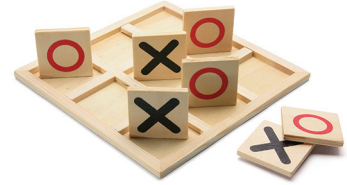
shield

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The clumsy thief

It was late in the evening. The children sat in the living room, playing board games with their aunt. It was a relief to be home again. That day, they had been to the funeral of the local priest, who had been a good friend. It would take a long time to get over their grief, but the funeral had gone well and now they were enjoying a brief period of peace and quiet before bedtime.



Suddenly, there was a crash and a loud shriek from outside. They looked at each other in surprise. “What was that?” the old woman asked her niece, Lucy. “I don’t know, Auntie,” replied Lucy. “We’ll go and check. It might be a thief trying to break in.” The children both got up, found the torch and went outside to check.

The crash had come from behind the house. As they came around the corner, they saw the roof of the shed. It was in pieces. Through it stuck two feet, pointing straight up and waving feebly. Then the feet disappeared and a face popped out. It was a thief, but he didn’t look very fierce. He had tried to climb up the drainpipe at the back of the house in the belief that it was strong enough to hold his weight. Luckily he hadn’t achieved his goal. The drainpipe had broken and he had come tumbling down. As the children watched, he crawled out, climbed slowly and painfully over the garden fence and hobbled away across the field. The children were relieved to see him disappear into the distance.



Synonyms

A synonym is a word which means the same as another word. See if you can find synonyms for these words by reading the passage again.

sadness	
falling	
frightening	
burglar	

vanish	
yell	
weakly	
short	



Questions

Now see if you can answer these questions. Write your answers as complete sentences.

1. How many children were there?

2. Were they related to each other? How do you know?

3. Why did the thief not manage to break into the house?

4. What do you think the aunt should do now?

Proofreading

Find the mistakes in this passage. Then write it out correctly.

The runner led the feild for the hole race Afterwads, he collecting the winers sheild. It was a grate acheivement.



Homophones

Words which sound the same, but look different are called homophones.
Read these sentences and choose the right word to go into each space.



1. I do not know _____ to choose.	which witch
2. We have to wait until the _____ comes in.	tied tide
3. Parking here is not _____.	allowed aloud
4. The new chicks were giving loud _____s.	cheep cheap
5. He played a wrong _____ on his guitar.	cord chord
6. We watched the _____ emerge from the forest.	dear deer
7. The dog has lost _____ bone.	its it's
8. He was filled with _____ as he watched the fantastic performance.	ore awe



Now choose two of these words and write a sentence for each.

- _____

- _____

Speedreading



which	explore	siege	react	tide	field	unable
tied	view	cord	witch	belief	react	allowed
sieve	thief	deer	grief	restore	cheep	thief
piece	aloud	blew	cheap	chief	prevent	chord
predict	niece	dear	shield	reverse	grief	yield



Times:



Dictation words



Dictation Sentences

1. _____

2. _____

Teacher Feedback

