

## SPaG Starters i before e

The usual spelling rule that we are used to hearing is 'i before e', often with the addition of 'except after c', but this can lead to confusion.

Here are the rules when looking at ei or ie words:

- If they come after a c, then use 'ei' (but don't always rely on this).
- If the sound is 'ay', then use ei.
- Some words just don't conform to the rule at all, and should be learnt and remembered for future use. These include: 'weird', 'foreign', 'science', 'height' and 'sufficient'.



Clue: each one has either **ei** or **ie** within them.

1. T	he person who lives next door
2. (	Get
3. T	he covering above a room
4. <i>A</i>	A bit or morsel
5. F	rom another country
6. T	ricked
7. <i>A</i>	A light brown colour
8. 5	Strange or unusual
	write sentences using each of these words. Can you push yourself further by using a e of sentence types, and ambitious vocabulary.







## SPaG Starters i before e Answers

- 1. The person who lives next door. Neighbour
- 2. Get. Receive
- 3. The covering above a room. Ceiling
- 4. A bit or morsel. Piece
- 5. From another country. Foreign
- 6. Tricked. Deceived
- 7. A light brown colour. **Beige**
- 8. Strange or unusual. Weird