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LESSON #3 - 7th Grade

The I Before E Rule

 Put i before e
Except after c
Or when sounded like a
As in neighbor and weigh

I BEFORE E	EXCEPT AFTER C	LONG A SOUND
believe	receive	weight
brief	conceit	
mischief		
grief		
shriek		
relieve		
niece		
piece		
Exceptions:		
either neither seize weird leisure foreign		

- *In words that combine i and e, the i usually comes first.*
- *However, when the i and e directly follow the letter c, the e comes first.*
- *When the two letters make a long a sound, the e comes before the i.*